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Amnesty says Iran executed over 4,000

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AFP) — Over 4,000 people have been executed in Iran since the revolution there three years ago, Amnesty International announced here Tuesday adding that it had received "hundreds of detailed reports" of torture in that country.

"Some prisoners had died under torture and then been hanged after they were already dead, apparently to make it appear that they had been legally executed," the London-based human rights movement said. It appealed to Iranian Premier Mir Hussein Musavi for "a public ban on torture to be proclaimed from the highest level of the Iranian leadership," adding that at least 255 persons were executed last month alone.

Amnesty's letter to Musavi quoted "reports of persons, including prisoners held for political reasons, being executed without trial," the organization said. "These included the secretary-general of the Iranian Association of Former Political Prisoners, who spent many years in prison under the late Shah."

Among more than 200 "detailed statements describing torture, some of them supported by photographs and medical reports," Amnesty said. The testimony included descriptions of special torture rooms in Tehran's Evin Prison.

Amnesty International also pointed out about "the ironing room," in which prisoners were tied to a bed while revolutionary guards burned their backs, buttocks and their feet with an iron.

There was also "the 'basement of truth,' where (prisoners) were burned with cigarettes," the report said. "Tortures were reported to include beating, kicking, banging prisoners' heads against walls, whipping cables and mock executions."

It added that "these and other tortures were similar to those committed under the Shah before the 1979 revolution." (Related story page 4)

Prince Abdullah receives officials

RIYADH, Feb. 23 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, received Iraqi Interior Minister Saadoun Shaker and his delegation at his office here Tuesday morning.

The meeting was attended by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwajri, assistant deputy commander of the National Guard.

Prince Abdullah later held a luncheon party in honor of the Iraqi minister and delegation, attended by Prince Badr, deputy commander of the National Guard; Sheikh Abdul Aziz; and the Iraqi ambassador to the Kingdom.

Early Tuesday, Shaker paid a visit to the National Guard hospital in Khassan Al-Aan and expressed admiration for the facilities available there.

On Monday, Prince Abdullah welcomed Moroccan Interior Minister Idris Al-Basri at the horse racing club. The Moroccan ambassador to the Kingdom attended the meeting.

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Iran's third cut takes oil price to \$30.20

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — Oil industry sources say Iran has sliced \$2 a barrel off its oil prices as OPEC countries try to arrange emergency talks on the threat caused by a global glut.

It was Iran's third price cut this month and brought the rate for its light crude down to \$30.20 a barrel, the sources said. This is \$4 below its price at the beginning of February.

Western oil executives said the new price cuts by Iran are an attempt to boost plunging sales and probably reflect anxiety that key Japanese customers might desert it when contracts expire in April. They said Iran had traditionally been a pace-setter in raising prices charged by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), adding that in its new, reversed role it might undermine OPEC's whole pricing structure.

But its plight was grave. The war with Iraq required high military spending while hampering oil sales, they said. According to *The Middle East Economic Survey (MEES)*, its current exports of 600,000 barrels daily meet

only about one-third of budget needs.

Arah oil sources said that OPEC was seeking an emergency meeting Saturday to consider the present oil surplus on the world market.

Market analysts say any OPEC meeting faces two alternatives — cutting prices to boost consumption or coordinating cuts to balance supply and demand. It might also seek to combine the two, they said.

Falling sales and prices have left nine of the 13 OPEC states with budget deficits. The organization has become a net borrower in world capital markets for the first time in four years, the Bank for International Settlements said.

Venezuela is just one example. Its finance minister, Luis Ugueto, said Monday his government had had to cut back on planned spending this year. He blamed falling oil revenues due to the world oil glut. The Venezuelan economy depends heavily on oil production which has slumped from 1.76 million barrels a day last year to 1.51 million.

Venezuela is also cutting back on planned spending this year, according to Luis Ugueto. He told the *Caracas daily El Universal* that government officials had been studying possible cuts in the 1982 budget by trimming administration costs, but major investment projects would not be affected. Ugueto estimates say the government will have to axe about \$4.4 billion from its \$20.4 billion budget to avoid a deficit.

Ugueto said that Venezuela would not devalue the bolivar to get round the expected drop in export earnings. "At no time whatsoever have we thought about altering the parity of the bolivar, because what we are facing is not a balance of payments problem or anything to do with the exchange rate," the finance minister said.

A Qatar news agency report, monitored in Paris in the meantime said Tuesday that the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) intends to cut its crude exports this year by an overall 12.5 percent to 515,000 barrels a day.

Guerrillas mount rocket attack on Kampala

NAIROBI, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — Uganda announced Tuesday night that at least 69 persons had been killed in fierce fighting between troops and guerrillas trying to overthrow the government of Dr. Milton Obote.

The casualty toll was broadcast by Radio Uganda, monitored in Nairobi, after some 300 heavily-armed guerrillas slipped into the capital of Kampala and staged a well-coordinated mortar attack on the city's main military barracks.

The radio claimed the "terrorists" were overpowered by the Ugandan Army and large quantities of arms were captured.

But the Uganda Freedom Movement (UFM), one of several guerrilla groups trying to oust Obote, claimed all the Ugandan Army soldiers ran away when it launched an early morning mortar attack on the Malire Barracks in the southern part of Kampala. "We had a free uninterrupted morning where we took most of the arms and we couldn't manage to

take all of them because there were too many," said a UFM spokesman, who telephoned news organizations here.

Residents in the Ugandan capital, reached by telephone from Nairobi, said heavy gunfire, which began about 2 a.m., ended at mid-morning. Shops, banks, embassies and offices remained closed Tuesday morning and residents said Ugandans who went to work "started running to go home" as rocket

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Ship of the desert carries mail in California

MINERAL SPRING, California, Feb. 23 (AP) — For the first time this century, camels are carrying mail in California.

On Feb. 13, a caravan of three camels, loaded with mail sacks, food and supplies began a 60-day, 965 kms trek through the sand dunes, cactus forests and wasteland of the Mojave Desert and over the high Sierra.

"We are re-enacting the 1861 California-Nevada border survey," said trailmaster Lewis Follansbee, 66, a retired university professor and historian. The last time a party of three camels, 14 men, three horses and 22 mules made the attempt to survey

California's eastern border was 121 years ago, from Feb. 13 to April 7, 1861.

Armed with copies of diaries, maps, reports, notes and observations of the 1861 survey, Follansbee and his group would camp in the same remote places on the same dates as the original party. "The boundary survey of 1861 was a preliminary survey whose main objectives were to locate water holes and lines of supplies along the route," Follansbee said. "A second California-Nevada border survey took place in 1873."

The camels were introduced into the western desert in 1853 at the instigation of Jeffer-

son Davis, then U.S. Secretary of War and later president of the confederate states of America. He believed camels would be ideal pack animals for the American desert and had 44 imported from the Sahara to form the U.S. camel corps in the southwest.

The three camels being used in the re-enactment — Gigi, Lady and Tanya — were imported from Australia in 1972. Their chief driver, Harry Shannon, 42, says he has "spent the last 20 years trying to get America interested in camels." He said there are fewer than 200 in the United States.

As interior ministers meet Naif stresses role of GCC in security

RIYADH, Feb. 23 (SPA) — The interior ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council representing Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman began their first conference here Tuesday evening.

Speaking on the occasion, Interior Minister Prince Naif conveyed greetings from King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd to the participants. He said the peoples of the GCC states look forward to this conference with hope and optimism, "which places additional responsibilities on the shoulders of the participants." The prince added that the desire of everyone is to look for peace and tranquility, non-interference in the affairs of others, respect of others and the realization of the desire of the region's peoples to live in peace.

Prince Naif reiterated that any infringement of the council's security will be considered an encroachment on the sovereignty of every member state. Consequently, security measures will be collective and just and firm and effective, he said.

Besides the six GCC states' interior ministers, the conference is being attended by Abdullah Bishara, council secretary general, and Ibrahim Al-Suhbi, assistant secretary general for political affairs.

The Kingdom's delegation is led by Prince Naif. Other members include Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awaji, interior undersecretary; Gen. Abdul Aziz Al-Mas'oud; Lt. Gen. Muhammad Ibn Hallal, director general of the frontier corps; Maj. Gen. Muhammad Al-Balla,

commander of special security forces; and Brig. Muhammad Al-Suhaili, director general of the college of internal security forces.

Meanwhile, Arab interior ministers completed their two-day extraordinary session in Riyadh Monday evening and at that time the statute of the Arab interior ministers' council. The statute was drawn up by the general secretariat of the Arab organization of social defense against crime.

According to Dr. Farouq Murad, director of the Saudi interior ministry's Crime Combating Center and moderator of the conference, the secretary general of the Arab League in whose framework the council has been created will be the secretary general of the council.

A technical secretariat will be set up in Tunis for the council. It will be headed by a secretary to be selected from among candidates from the council's member states. He will be assisted by four officials to be proposed by Arab states. The minister will serve for a full year term and he will be the executive official. The council will meet once every year, either at Arab League headquarters or in any Arab state that offers to host the meeting. Moreover, it has been decided that the Riyadh-based Arab Center for Security Studies and Training will be a subsidiary organ of the council.

The conference addressed cables to King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd, thanking them for the warm welcome and generous

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Shops destroyed Beirut car bombs kill many

BEIRUT, Feb. 23 (AP) — Two car bombs that exploded six minutes apart destroyed a row of shops in a crowded seafloor bazaar in west Beirut Tuesday, killing 12 persons and wounding 40 others, police sources said.

Witnesses said the first bomb detonated at 1:20 p.m. local time (1120 GMT), when the market place and scenic Mediterranean Corniche in the Raouche district were jammed with traffic and shoppers.

Rescuers and onlookers who rushed to the scene of the first bombing were caught by the second explosion. The blasts flattened nearby shops and shattered windows up to five blocks away. It was feared some survivors had been trapped under the flaming debris.

State television reported a responsibility claim from a heretofore unknown group calling itself the "Holy Struggle" Organization. A western news agency received a call saying "The Front for the Liberation of Lebanon from Foreigners" took responsibility.

The front claimed responsibility for a number of bombings last year against Palesti-

nian targets and against the Syrian Army, which has some 22,000 troops in Lebanon policing the aftermath of the 1975-76 civil war.

An apartment building occupied by the Syrian intelligence chief in Lebanon, Col. Muhammad Ghannem, was one of the many damaged by Tuesday's blast, police sources said, adding it did not appear he was a target. Palestine Liberation Organization officials say the Front for the Liberation of Foreigners is a phantom group for Israeli agents.

Analysts here are baffled as to who is responsible for the string of explosions that started last September and had killed more than 200 persons by late December, according to government figures.

Some of the wounded Tuesday were children on their way home from school. One little boy had his bloodied right arm wrapped in a scarf. His light blue smock, the uniform of Lebanese schoolchildren, was torn and smeared with blood.

Marcos may meet Misuari

MANILA, Feb. 23 (R) — Islamic Affairs Minister Romulo Espaldon said Tuesday President Ferdinand Marcos might meet Muslim rebel leader Nur Misuari during a three-day official visit to Saudi Arabia, beginning March 21.

At a news conference with the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines, Adm. Espaldon said President Marcos was willing to meet Misuari, chairman of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

The MNLF has been fighting for nine years for self-rule in the southern Philippines. Misuari, is now based in the Middle East.

Asked if a Marcos-Misuari meeting would bring peace to the southern Philippines, Adm. Espaldon replied: "we hope it would."

Saudi Arabia heads a committee set up by the 43-nation Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) in 1977 to seek a solution to the problem in the southern Philippines.

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11 contracts concluded for housing units

JUBAIL, Feb. 23 (SPA) — Eleven contracts were signed here Monday for renting four parts of the residential zone at Jubail Industrial city. The contracts were signed by the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu with the private sector in the industrial city.

The contracts pave the way for building 400 housing units to accommodate workers of private sector industries at the city. Dr. Farouk Akhdar, secretary general of the royal commission and acting director general of the Jubail project, signed on behalf of the commission while representatives of executing companies signed for their respective companies before receiving the sites to start construction works.

The 400 housing units are part of the commission's program to establish a comprehensive industrial city with 8,000 housing units. The residential zone will be built on an area of 80,000 sq. meters at the Gulf coast. The industrial city's population is expected to reach 350,000 by 1999.

The private sector has been allocated 2,400 housing units under the commission's master plan. Citizens will be able to own such plots three years from now.

Design for kindergarten submitted

QATIF, Feb. 23 (SPA) — The Qatif Welfare Society has submitted designs for a kindergarten complex it plans to build for the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, for approval. Meanwhile, the society has set up a

At committee meeting Pilgrimage projects viewed

MAKKAH, Feb. 23 (SPA) — Deputy Makkah Governor Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen Tuesday chaired a meeting of the Central Pilgrimage Committee. Prince Saud is the Committee's deputy chairman.

The meeting considered a report by the Madinah projects committee about proposed scheme for Madinah considering it as one of the pilgrimage sites. These projects include the requirements of Madinah Municipality, roads, water and sewage and traffic departments, in addition to the airport, according to Ali Abu Al-Allag, Makkah governorate assistant undersecretary and secretary of the higher pilgrimage committee.

Allag added that the committee also discussed the alternative for tents during the pilgrimage. "It has given its view in regard to the best means to prevent fires and provide comfortable accommodation for pilgrims," he said. The committee reviewed recommendations for establishing buildings at Mina's foothills and building more underground public lavatories at the Mina plain. Supply for bread and public services to pilgrims' residential places also was discussed, Allag said.

Tabuk power plant to be expanded
TABUK, Feb. 23 (SPA) — Tabuk Governor Prince Abdul Majid has said that a contract has been awarded for expanding the Tabuk power plant. Two 17,000 kilowatt, gas powered turbines will be added, he said Monday.

The governor also said that another contract for increasing the capacity of the high-tension distribution network to 13.8 kilovolt with a length of 60 kilometers was commissioned. He added that the two projects will be completed in two years to meet the needs of Tabuk residents.

Prince Abdul Majid said that Tabuk Electricity Company has taken the necessary measure to implement the permanent expansion program for Tabuk by installing a 120,000-kilovolt generating plant. With the distribution networks and other facilities, the project will meet the requirements of Tabuk until 1987, the prince said.

Dacca, Sanaa get IDB loans

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank approved \$ 18 million loan for Bangladesh and \$ 5 million for North Yemen. Agreements for the loans were signed at IDB headquarters here Tuesday by Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, the bank's president; a Bangladesh embassy official and representatives of the Yemen Soap Company.

Under the loans, the IDB will finance crude oil imports for Bangladesh and vegetable oil imports from Malaysia in favor of North Yemen. The IDB has granted four loans to Bangladesh since the beginning of this year, financing foreign trade operations for importing cotton and crude oil at a total of \$ 37.9 million. Meanwhile, this will be the second loan for North Yemen bringing the total to \$ 15 million in 1982.

Pakistan judges train at Islamic U

By Maher Abbas
Arab News Staff

MADINAH, Feb. 23 — Thirty-six Pakistani judges began Tuesday a 45-day course at the Islamic University of Madinah. The Pakistani judges will study Islamic Sharia and jurisprudence. Their scholarship comes in the context of the Pakistani government's plans to apply Sharia in its law-and-regulations. Dr. Abdullah Al-Zayed, vice rector of the

Official visits agricultural, dam projects

QUWAYIA, Feb. 23 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh inspected Tuesday agricultural projects and met with farmers here to get acquainted with their requirements.

The minister inspected the progress of work on the Quwayia dam project. He launched the afforestation week here organized by various government and private institutions. He arrived here earlier in the day and visited the offices of the governorate, some agricultural projects and the central electricity station.

The minister, who was accompanied by two undersecretaries and Abdullah Ghlaiah, governor of the saline water conversion corporation, left Quwayia later Tuesday for Riyadh.

In the agricultural news, wheat production in Ahsa has increased from 415 kilograms per donum to 600 kilograms after using highly advanced methods in agriculture, according to a report by the Ahsa Irrigation and Drainage Project Authority Monday.

The authority's agricultural guidance statistical report said that the project and its branches implemented various programs including treatment of palm trees and development of agriculture generally. The report also revealed that SR37 million has been granted in loans and assistance to farmers and animal husbandry projects since the beginning of the year. Farmers were given SR28.5 million loans, while the remaining SR15.5 million was assistance given to farmers and animal husbandry projects.

During the same period, the Ahsa dates processing factory has been opened and 5,000 tons of dates were purchased from farmers in the region for processing. About 50 percent of date palms in the region has been treated chemically against pests. The authority has trained 45 persons in carrying out the palm trees pollination. The program cost SR220,000, the report said.

Meanwhile, the authority has cleaned drainage channels for 15,850 private farms and landfilled 46 swamps. The length of canals cleaned by the authority reached 2,320 kilometers.

university, met with the judges Monday and stressed that the role of a judge is not restricted to applying the Sharia but to make divine law applicable in all life matters.

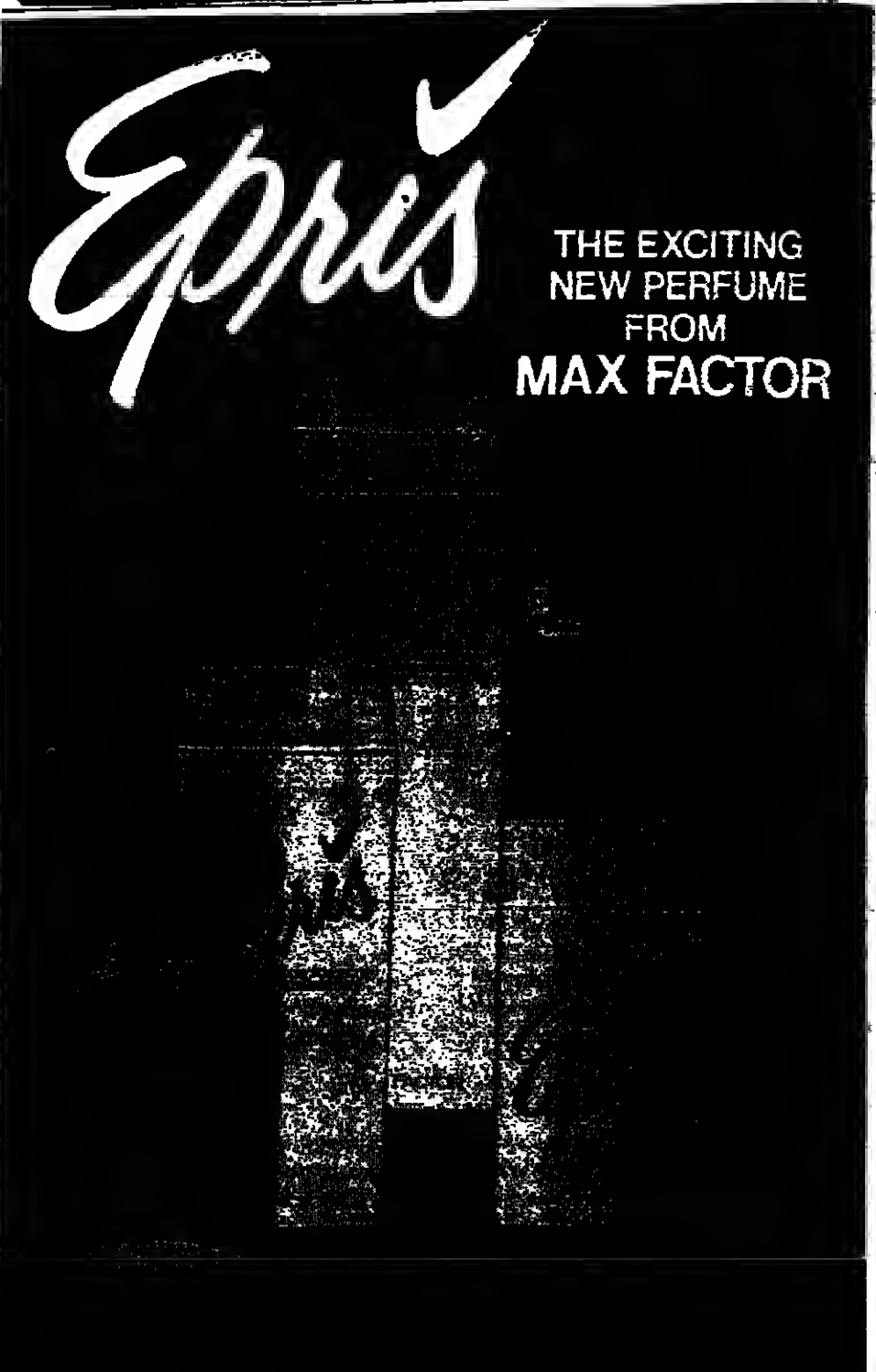
Dr. Zayed told Arab News that this mission will be followed by several others for lawyers and scholars from Pakistan. The Pakistani group arrived here Sunday under an agreement between Madinah Islamic university and the government of Pakistan.

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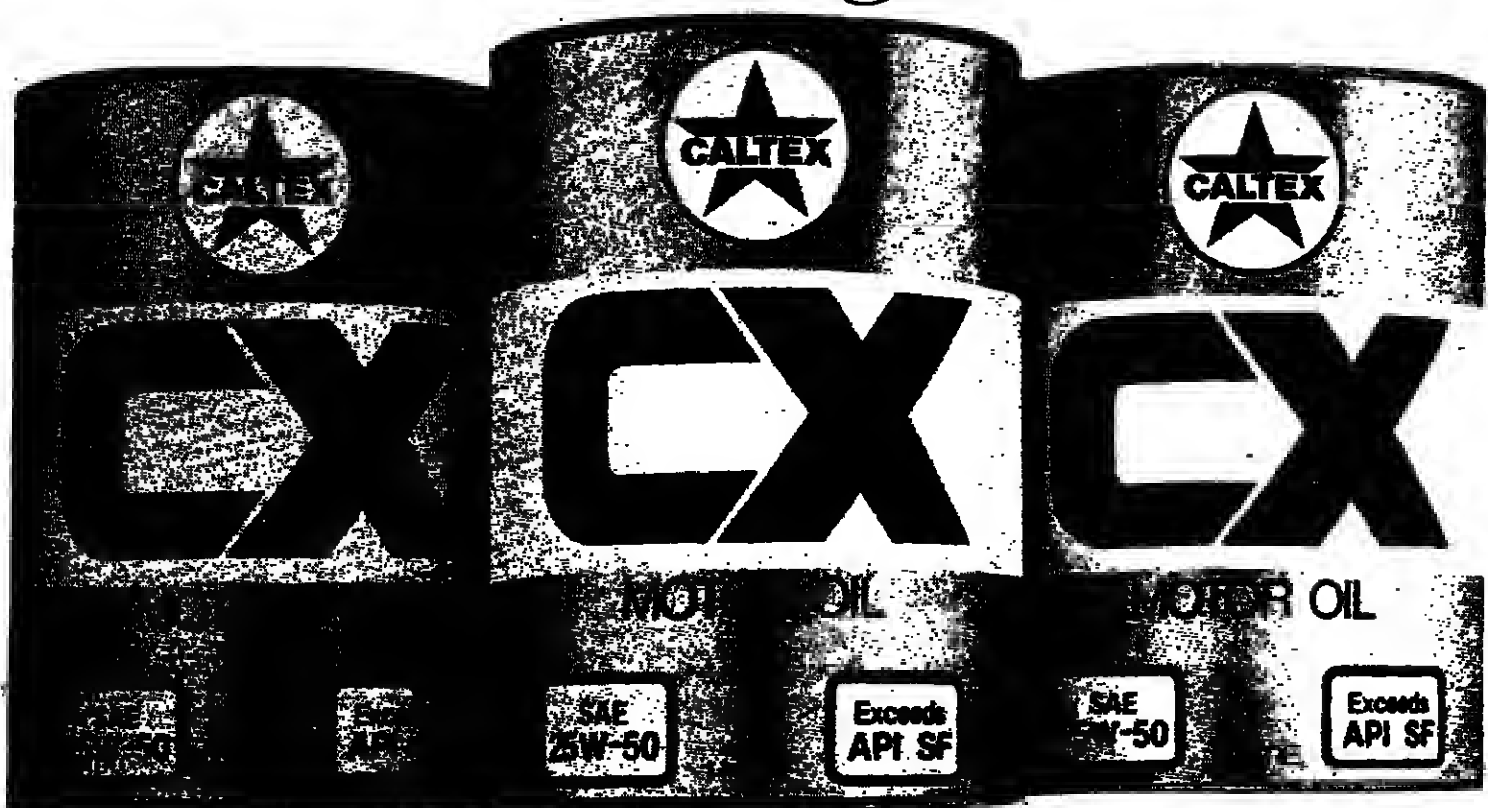
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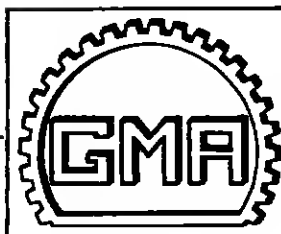
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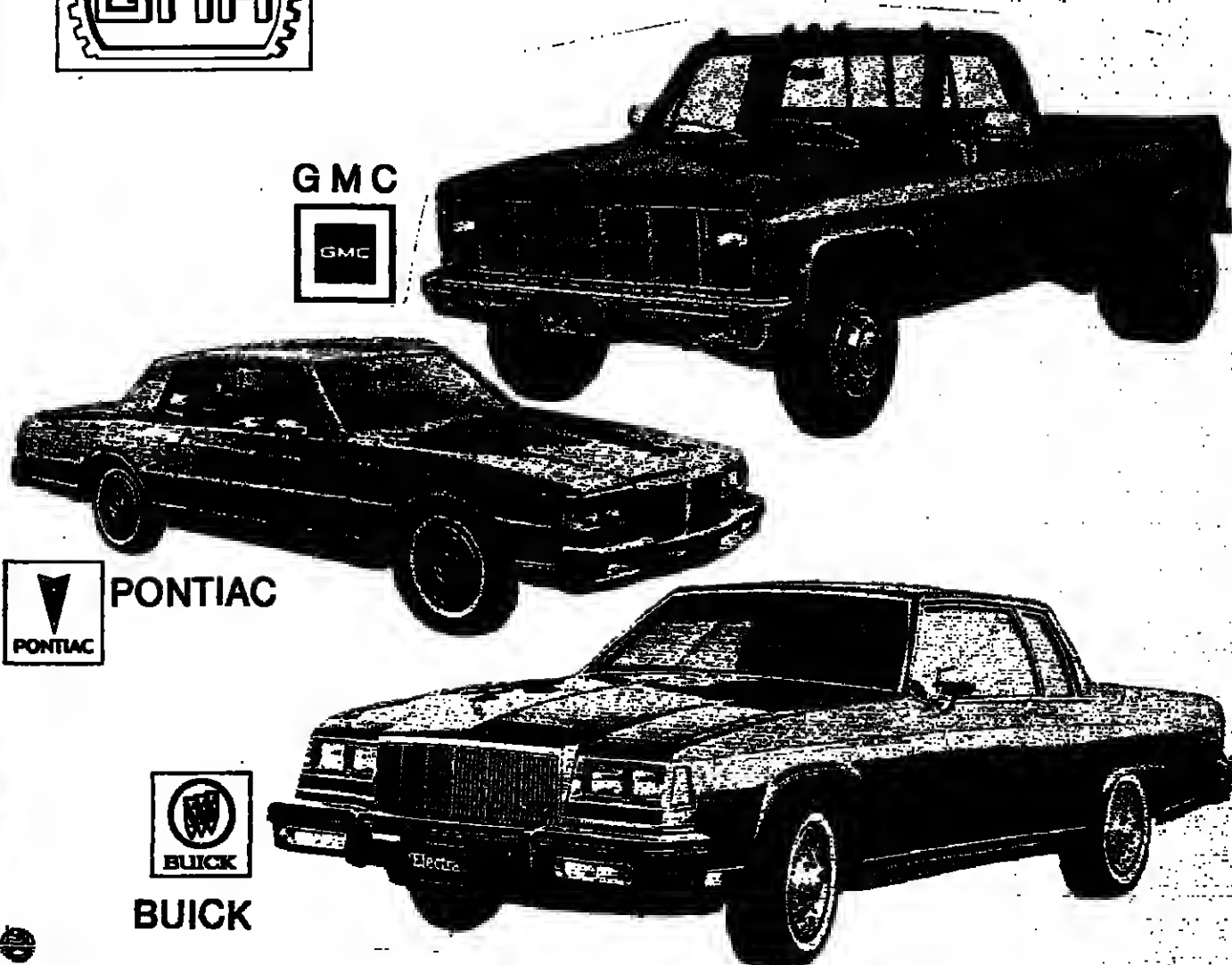


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To build 21 schools

SR156m contracts let

RIYADH, Feb. 23 (SPA) — Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter Tuesday signed 21 contracts with national companies for the implementation of a number of educational projects costing more than SR156 million. The projects are to be completed within 19 to 30 months.

Under the contract specifications, modern

Quran, Sunnah competitions set

RIYADH, Feb. 23 (SPA) — Contests on the Holy Quran and the Traditions of the Prophet (Sunnah) will be organized March 3 by Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University here. The contests, to be held at the Sharia college, will group the university's college and high institute students. Prizes amount to SR160,000.

Contestants will be interviewed Thursday at the residential compound in Batha. The Holy Quran contest includes memorization, recitation and all other sciences related to the Holy Book, while the Sunnah contest includes memorization of some of the Prophetic Traditions and their interpretation. Each contest has been divided into four levels. So far, 236 students representing all colleges and higher institutes of IMISU have applied. The first place winners will be given SR8,000, for the Holy Quran contest, and SR5,000 for the Sunnah contest.

buildings will be constructed for eight intermediate schools in Riyadh, each consisting of 18 classrooms. Three others with 12 classrooms each will be built in Dammam and six primary schools, each with 18 classrooms will be constructed in the Eastern Province, Jazan, Laith and Hail. The contracts also provide for the establishment of an institute for the blind in Ahsa and another in Buraidah at a cost of over SR49 billion.

Meanwhile, the Directorate General of Girls' Education in the Eastern Province has resolved to open several new schools in the rural and urban areas of the province as of the next academic year.

According to Sheikh Nasser Al-Musainid, director general, the plans include six primary schools of eight classrooms each and two others with two classrooms each. A committee has been formed to allocate the schools in the areas where they are much needed, including Dammam, Qatif, Tarout, Khafji, Safwa, Thaqba, Anak and Qadih. The directorate will authorize the renting of building for these schools as of Feb. 24. They will then be furnished and made ready to receive the students with the beginning of the new session.

In another development, the Vocational Training Center in Dammam Tuesday celebrated the graduation of 64 students in air conditioning, general mechanics, printing and welding courses. The training period lasted from 14 to 18 months, according to Saad Al-Dosari, the center's technical supervisor.

At upcoming Taif meeting

Chambers explore investing

DAMMAM, Feb. 23 (SPA) — A working paper on Arab investment opportunities and incentives has been prepared by the Arab Gulf Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry's secretariat general. The paper will be submitted to the sixth session of the federation's board scheduled for Feb. 26 in Taif.

According to Kazem Abdul Hameed Al-Muhaidi, the federation's secretary general, Tuesday, the paper explores the incentives and methods for encouraging the fluidity of investments inside the Arab world. The paper reveals the problems facing investment in Arab countries, and proposes solutions.

Muhaidi added that the meeting aims at coordinating the views of the board's members to reach a common stance in regard to the agenda of the Arab investors' conference also to open in Taif Sunday. Other topics of discussion will be a report by the secretary general about implementation of resolutions from previous meetings.

Bahrain's Chamber of Commerce and

Industry has proposed cutting back fees for certificates of origin and other documents charged by joint Arab-foreign chambers of commerce. The secretariat general will also forward a study on the possibility of insuring imports with Gulf insurance companies.

Speaking about the federation's activities, Muhaidi said the board is conducting a study on the implementation of a fiberglass industry. The project would be executed through existing Gulf share-holding companies or by establishing a shareholding company for the purpose.

The materialization of the project by the Gulf private sector will add up to the success achieved by Arab businessmen in establishing industrial and agricultural projects. Muhaidi said that the Gulf Cooperation Council, though still young, has proven its effectiveness and its economic activities have assumed regional dimensions, especially through the economic initiatives provided by the joint economic agreement. The GCC also is working on a new strategy for Gulf industrial coordination, he said.

Saudi-Italian body winds up session

RIYADH, Feb. 23 (SPA) — Italian Foreign Undersecretary for Economic Affairs, Bruno Crotti, arrived here Tuesday on his current visit to the Kingdom. He had attended meetings of the Saudi-Italian Joint Commission.

The commission ended its second session in Jeddah Monday night by signing the minutes of the meeting. Crotti led the Italian representatives while Foreign Undersecretary for Economic Affairs Sheikh Abdullah Alreza signed for the Kingdom. Deliberations were carried through an economic, technical and cultural commissions formed at the opening session Sunday.

Crotti expressed satisfaction about signing the minutes of the meeting "which will contribute to strengthening Saudi-Italian relations at all levels." The two countries are bound by good relations, he said, adding that the session will help expand the volume of trade,

industrial, technical and economic cooperation between the two countries.

Alreza said it was a kind gesture by the Italian government to agree to the formation of the commission which has been entrusted with matters related to businessmen and Saudi and Italian owners of industries.

The session was attended by representatives of the Foreign Ministry, Saudi, the Presidency of Civil Aviation and ministries of finance and national economy; public works and housing; planning; industry and electricity; petroleum and mineral resources; communications; education; and higher education, in addition to the Saudi Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the National Science and Technology Center. The Italian delegation comprised 16 members from various government departments, and Italian Ambassador to the Kingdom Marcello Salimei.

Prayer Times

	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Wednesday						
Fajr (Dawn)	5:21	5:24	4:55	4:44	5:08	5:39
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:34	12:35	12:06	11:53	12:17	12:47
Asr (Afternoon)	3:54	3:54	3:25	3:11	3:35	4:04
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:24	6:22	5:53	5:39	6:03	6:31
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RIYADH (SPA) — The King Faisal Air Academy Wednesday celebrates the graduation of the 21st batch of pilots and technicians, under the auspices of Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation, who will award prizes and certificates to the graduates and watch an air display by the old graduates.

DUBAI (SPA) — Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, deputy premier of the United Arab Emirates and heir apparent of Dubai, received Saudi Arabian Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail here Tuesday. The meeting was attended by Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, UAE's minister of finance and industry, and Sheikh Muhammad bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, defense minister.

JEDDAH (SPA) — Sudanese Trade Minister Ahmad Salem will arrive here Monday on a few days' official visit to the Kingdom. He will hold talks with officials on possible ways of boosting trade cooperation between the two countries.

JEDDAH — Three Indian naval ships — Rajput, Taragiri and Shakti — arrive here Wednesday on a four-day goodwill visit. The fleet is under the command of Rear Adm. J.G. Nadkarni, Flag Officer commanding Western Fleet, according to an Indian embassy press release Tuesday.

JEDDAH (SPA) — Habib Chanti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), returned here Monday after undergoing successful surgery in the United States. He expressed his thanks and appreciation for the concern of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd over his health.

KHAFJI (SPA) — The fourth meeting for the tree-planting week, due to begin here March 6, began at the Khafji governorate Monday. Participants discussed coordination, implementation and distribution of work among the participating circles. An oil company in Khafji will plant 250 saplings, with their maintenance being the responsibility of the municipality. A number of schools will also take part in the festivities.

DAMMAM (SPA) — A new shipping line, Scan Carrier, will soon begin operations between New Zealand and Australia in the east and Arabian Gulf ports in the west. The new line, operating a Ro-Ro vessel equipped to handle containers, rolling stock and general cargo, will join Scan carrier service operating between Europe and the countries down under as well as between Jeddah port and the same two countries.

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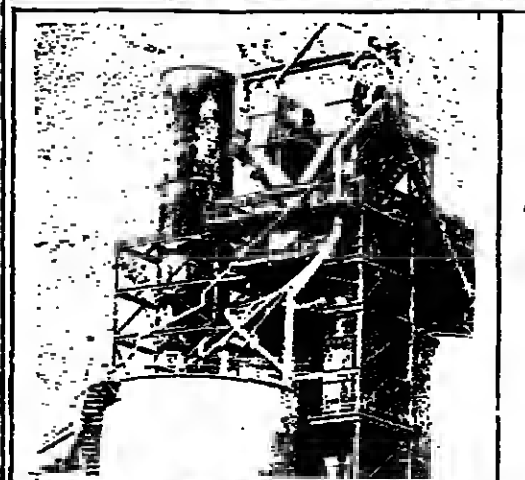
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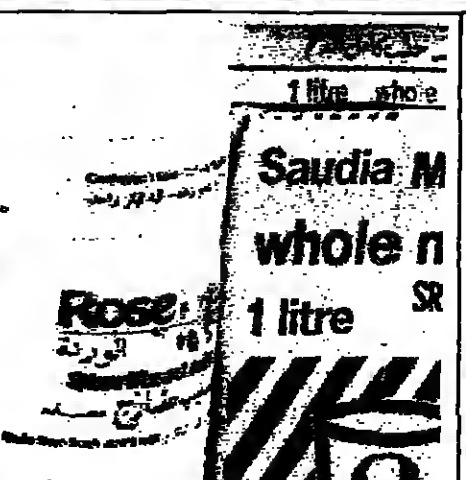
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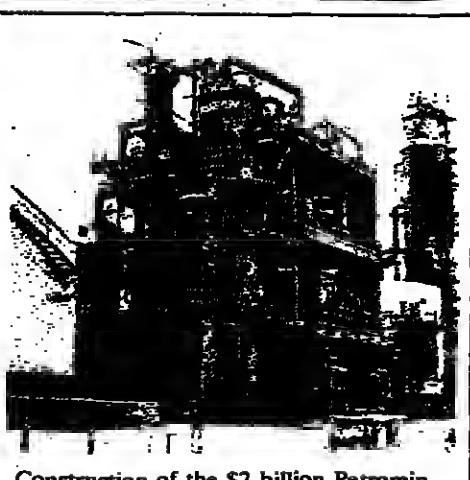
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The Kingdom's milk producers, beset by subsidized imports, would like to see increased government protection and the chance to export their products to neighboring countries. Page 21

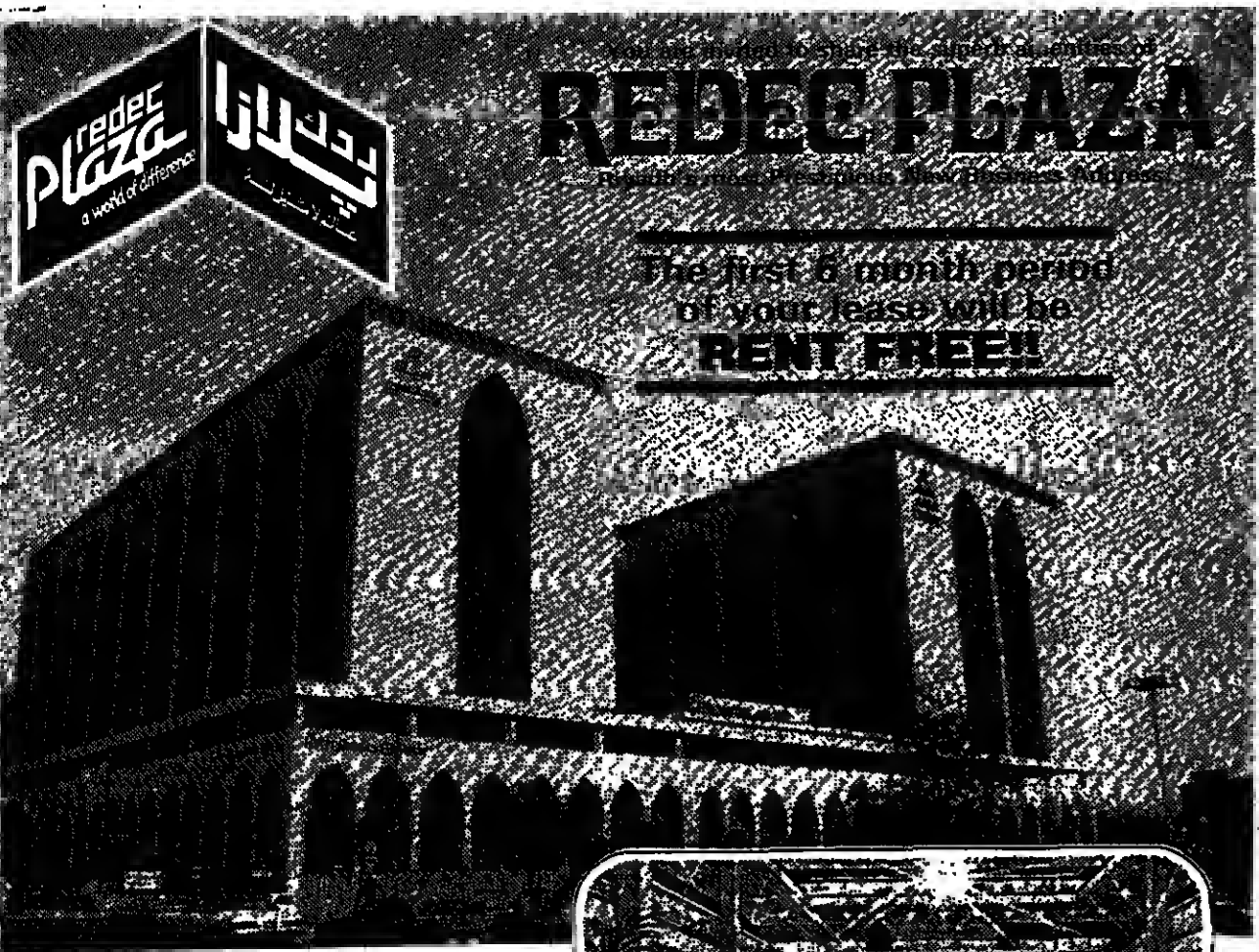


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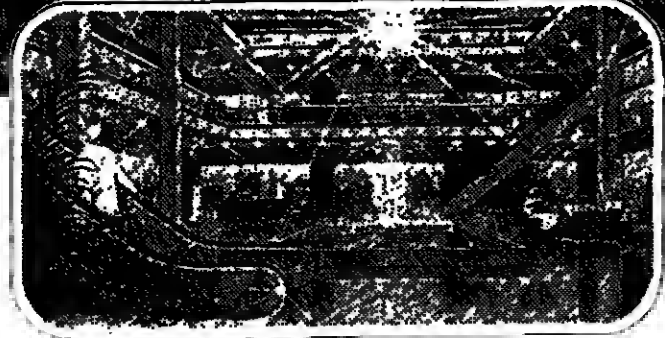
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As Mujahedeen kill general

Afghan task hard, Russia admits

MOSCOW, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — The Soviet press Tuesday carried reports of fierce fighting in Afghanistan and said Soviet troops there faced a very difficult task. The defense ministry newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda* (Red Star), in an article dedicated to "armed forces day", cited a number of clashes between Afghan troops and anti-government rebels last month.

A report from an army colonel in Kabul said 2,223 "bandits" — the Soviet term for opponents of the Moscow-backed Kabul government — were killed and 1,117 captured in January. "The enemy is getting a rebuff, an increasingly firm and ruthless rebuff," *Red Star* said.

Meanwhile, Western diplomats said in New Delhi that Afghan rebels shot down a helicopter and killed a Soviet general aboard in Afghanistan last month.

The Mujahedeen said Lt. Gen. P.I. Shkidchenko was killed Jan. 19 when his helicopter was shot down by rebel rockets in Paktia province south of Kabul. Three other Russians and an Afghan aboard the helicopter were also killed, they added.

An obituary on the death of the general was carried by the Soviet army newspaper *Red Star* on Jan. 23, they said. Wreckage of the helicopter was found about 10 kms from the town of Khost, the diplomats said.

The diplomats said the general was given some sort of a military funeral in Kabul before his body was flown to Moscow. They said there had been increased fighting in Farwan province north of Kabul with extensive casualties on the Soviet-Afghan and rebel sides.

The sources who disclosed the report said news of the general's death was received earlier but was withheld until it was verified by a number of reliable informants. It was not

immediately known whether Shkidchenko was the highest-ranking Soviet military officer reported killed in Afghanistan since the Soviet Army first intervened there in December 1979.

Other Western diplomatic sources in New Delhi reported earlier that several Soviet Army officers, possibly including a general in the medical corps, were gunned down on a Kabul street last month. The heaviest artillery barrage in recent months was heard from the Soviet Military camp just north of Kabul Feb. 19. Reports from Afghans living in the area said there had been continuous fighting.

In Kabul itself, the diplomats said, there had been increased Afghan secret police activity with numerous arrests of people suspected of trying to foment trouble on the second anniversary of riots and demonstrations in the city in February 1980. The anniversary, which was marked Monday, apparently passed quietly, the sources said.

In another development, a leader of the Islamic National Liberation Front said in Chaman near Pakistani-Afghan border, that Soviet-Afghan troops have successfully sealed the Kandahar border, preventing freedom fighters from evacuating their wounded to Pakistan and cutting off supply routes. He said the Mujahedeen had sufficient ammunition for only three days' intensive combat.

Local inhabitants said that the last attempt to run the border by a group of 46 men from various resistance groups ended with 26 dead and 15 taken prisoner after Afghan troops disguised as civilians laid an ambush across the track. Only three made it across the border without injury.

The main road from Kandahar is completely sealed, and Monday evening, Chaman camel drivers who normally run supplies over the mountain track inaccessible to vehicles were refusing to take the risk. For over a year, Kandahar, the second largest town in Afghanistan, had been more or less under the control of the Mujahedeen. But after an intense shelling campaign in January, in which several hundred civilians are reported to have perished, Soviet-Afghan troops have cracked down on the region.

Tanks and helicopter gunships, which until recently patrolled the Kandahar hills only by day, this week kept a round-the-clock watch on the passes.

"enemy military positions, center and targets" Dec. 9-11.

Meanwhile, Iraq said Iranian forces "are persisting daily in bombing civilian centers and economic installations in the city of Basrah with aircraft and heavy artillery."

"All the foreign diplomatic missions accredited to Baghdad are aware of this," the note added. Accusing the Iranians of starting the war, it said Iran "launched an armed attack on Iraqi villages and towns by land by sea" on Sept. 4, 1980. That, the note said, "gave Iraq the full right to respond" to protect its citizens and restore their rights, and it did so on Sept. 22, 1980, "after exhausting all peaceful and diplomatic channels for negotiation with Iran to no avail."

The note referred briefly to "praiseworthy efforts" of Waldheim, Perez de Cuellar and Olof Palme of Sweden, who has been seeking an Iran-Iraq settlement as personal representative of each of the secretaries-general in turn. It said that while Iraq had given "an immediate response to all those initiatives," Iran had reacted "with rejection and obduracy."

Iran torturing people, says Iraqi note to U.N. secretary

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 23 (AP) — Iraq, in a note circulated here Monday, accused Iran of subjecting the Iranians to "inhumane practices" and trying to cover up such misdeeds with false charges against the Iraqi armed forces.

The note, forwarded to U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar by Iraqi delegate Zuhair I. Muhammad, charged the Iranian authorities with "torture, slaughter, physical liquidation and collective executions inflicted on the opposition and the non-Iranian nationalities in Iran" and said "these have extended even to women and children."

It denied Iranian charges that Iraq killed 50 Iranian civilians and wounded 225 in air and rocket attacks Dec. 9-11 on the cities of Iran, Dezful and Awaz. Those charges were made in an Iranian note to the previous U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, issued here Dec. 29. Perez de Cuellar succeeded Waldheim Jan. 1.

The new Iraqi note said "the lying allegations" in the old Iranian note did not merit an answer. But it quoted Iraqi military reports to show that Iraq's Air Force attacked only

Sahara admission may hit OAU unity

ADDIS ABABA, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — The issue of Western Sahara could finally split the troubled Organization of African Unity, observers at the OAU Council of Ministers meeting here said Tuesday.

They fear that Morocco and its supporters in its fight for the territory against the Polisario Front could quit the Pan-African body following Monday's admission of the Polisario's Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) to the opening session of the council. The Moroccan delegation walked out when SADR Foreign Minister Ibrahim Hakim took his specially-labeled seat, saying afterward it would not sit at the same table as "an imaginary republic."

When the meeting went into private session, nine of Morocco's supporters — Sudan, Nigeria, Equatorial Guinea, Senegal, Comoros, Gabon, Sierra Leone, Upper Volta and Zaire — reportedly protested at the SADR's admission. The Sudanese delegate said his country would be calling for an emergency session of the OAU implementation committee on Western Sahara.

None of the SADR's supporters spoke but the debate is to continue. However Moroccan delegate Abdulatif Mouline said the whole issue could be put off until the next OAU summit in Tripoli later this year.

The Western Sahara issue is potentially the most divisive for the OAU since the Pan-African body was formed in 1963. Morocco threatened to pull out in 1980 when the SADR won recognition from 26 of the OAU's 50 member states, saying admission by a simple majority was a false interpretation of the OAU Charter.

Conference chairman and Kenyan Foreign Minister Robert Ouko said OAU head Daniel Arap Moi had held consultations with the interested parties in the Western Sahara conflict — Morocco, the Polisario, Mauritania and Algeria — and would be submitting his report to the seven-nation implementation

committee. Ouko gave no details.

The SADR has also won recognition from 19 states, mainly left-wing, from outside the continent. Its African backers are Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Buremd, Cape Verde, Chad, Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sao Tome Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Moroccan officials said the question of the Polisario's admission was a procedural matter that required a two-thirds majority of the OAU.

Hassan condemns decision

RABAT, Feb. 23 (R) — King Hassan of Morocco Tuesday strongly condemned the decision to allow the Polisario Front to take part in a meeting of the Organization of African Unity's council of ministers in Addis Ababa.

In a message to President Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya, the current chairman of the OAU, King Hassan said the move was a "double assassination" on the part of the

organization's secretariat.

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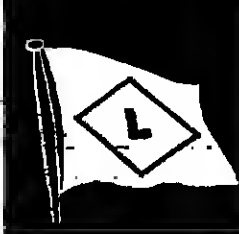
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Ali, Shamir discuss autonomy, mutual ties

CAIRO, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir will set the date for Mubarak's visit to Israel when they meet here Thursday, Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said Tuesday.

Ali added that the talks he had Tuesday with his visiting Israeli counterpart dealt mainly with bilateral issues, the normalization of relations between the two countries and the question of Palestinian autonomy.

Shamir's visit, he said, would also help "to put the final touches on most of the remaining problems" between Egypt and Israel.

Ali said that the topics discussed included a formal Egyptian note which was presented Monday to the joint Egyptian-Israeli military committee dealing with border issues. In its note Egypt stressed that "certain security measures must be taken to protect its borders," the officials added. They did not elaborate.

The note also referred to the border town of Rafah in the Gaza Strip. It said Palestinian residents would be asked to choose on which side they wanted to live after the Israeli withdrawal, according to the officials.

Without making progress

Fairbanks leaves for home

CAIRO, Feb. 23 (AP) — U.S. special envoy Richard Fairbanks left Tuesday for Washington without any clear progress toward an Egyptian-Israeli agreement on Palestinian self-rule, sources said.

Fairbanks, appointed earlier this month to break the impasse in the autonomy talks, was unable to meet President Hosni Mubarak during his two-day visit to Cairo. The presidential office has said Mubarak canceled all his appointments this week because he has influenza.

The American envoy, who met with Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali Sunday and

Monday, told reporters he would keep details on the talks private for fear of endangering negotiations. Foreign Ministry sources said Ali repeated to Fairbanks the Egyptian position that Israel should undertake "confidence building measures" to encourage participation by Palestinians in the talks.

The talks, which aim to establish autonomy for 1.5 million Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, have been bogged down for two years.

Reagan, Habib discuss M.E.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AFP) — U.S. special Middle East envoy Philip Habib had a brief meeting with President Ronald Reagan at the White House Monday before setting off on another trip to the Middle East.

The White House said Habib, who was accompanied at the meeting by Secretary of State Alexander Haig, would probably leave

for the Middle East this week.

Habib is due to concentrate for the moment on the situation in Lebanon and expects to visit several countries in the area, officials here said. White House spokesman Larry Speakes, reporting the meeting with President Reagan, said Habib had fulfilled a similar Middle East mission last year with a great deal of success.

Qaddafi arrives in Tunisia

TUNIS, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi arrived for an official visit to neighboring Tunisia Tuesday at the invitation of President Habib Bourguiba. It was his second visit within a month.

Qaddafi arrived at the border post of Ras Jedir by Automobile, with a massive escort of officials and security men. Foreign Minister Beji Kaid Essebsi and Defense Minister Ali Saladdin Baly received him at the border. The Libyan leader spent several days uninvited in Tunisia last month, while Bourguiba was in the United States for medical treatment. Tunisian officials said the itinerary and duration of his official visit was being kept

secret "for security reasons."

The visit was expected to coincide with the scheduled announcement in The Hague Wednesday of an International Court arbitration decision in the 10-year-old Libyan-Tunisian conflict over offshore oil drilling rights in the Mediterranean.

Sources said President Bourguiba invited Qaddafi on condition that he would return the document they both signed but it was uncertain Tuesday whether the Libyan leader had it with him. Official instructions have been given to avoid wide publicity over Qaddafi's visit pending the outcome of Wednesday's meeting between the two leaders, the sources said.

Kuwait MPs vote against aid to ADF

KUWAIT, Feb. 23 (AP) — Amid denunciations of Syria's current crackdown against the Muslim Brotherhood, the Kuwaiti parliament voted Tuesday against any continued financial backing to the presence of Syria's 22,000-strong peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

The vote was 27 against, seven for and five abstentions. The passing of any bill in the Kuwaiti parliament requires a simple majority of persons casting votes.

The fact that most government members were absent underlined the embarrassment of the Kuwaiti government about rejection of its bill. Kuwait is a party to a six-member Arab Committee trying to reconcile nationalist and Palestinian factions in Lebanon with rightist Christian leaders.

Some government members were absent because they had to be on hand to receive Lebanese Premier Sbfaf Al-Wazzan, who arrived meantime on the second leg of a Gulf tour aimed at discussing what he described as "the delicate dangers" currently surrounding strife-torn Lebanon.

BRIEFS

LAGOS (AFP) — Several hundred young persons returning to Chad have been arrested in Ndjamena, according to a communiqué issued here Tuesday by the People's Movement for the Liberation of Chad. The communiqué said that 580 young persons were reportedly arrested last week in the Chad capital when they returned from Saudi Arabia where they had sought refuge during Chad's civil war.

DIJIBOUTI (AFP) — Two ships of the Indian Navy docked here Monday to begin a four-day visit to Djibouti. The frigates *Nagari* and *Talwar*, with a total crew complement of some 700 men, are the first Indian warships to call at the Horn of Africa state.

TEL AVIV (AP) — Police explosives experts Tuesday dismantled a bomb discovered in a crowded market in the southern desert town of Beersheba, Israel radio reported. Police rounded up dozens of suspects and searched the area for other explosive devices, the state radio said.

MANAGUA (R) — South Yemero President Ali Nasser Muhammad arrived in Nicaragua Monday on what officials described as a courtesy visit. It was not known how long he would stay.

KARACHI (AFP) — A trainee pilot and his flying instructor died Tuesday when their Cessna aircraft crashed in Nawabshah town about 200 miles north of Karachi.

Backs PLO role in M.E. peace

Hurd visits North Yemen

MANAMA, Feb. 23 (AP) — British Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Douglas Hurd, was in North Yemen Tuesday on the second leg of a Gulf tour that shows Britain's interest in the area.

Bahrain newspapers splashed statements by Hurd at a press conference here Monday night, on their frontpages, with particular emphasis on his implied support for bringing the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) into Mideast peace negotiations.

Both the Arabic-language *Akhbar Al-Khaleej* and the English-language tabloid, *Gulf Daily News*, underlined Hurd's statement repeating Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's position that "the Israelis cannot deny the Palestinians what they themselves are striving for — the right to self determination."

Hurd said the PLO enjoys tremendous support inside Israeli-occupied territories. He said his government was aiming at a Mideast settlement in contacts with both the Arabs and Israelis, even though Israel was

accusing Britain of bias on this score.

Coverage given by Bahrain papers to Hurd's visit was in contrast with the low-key treatment accorded recent visits to the area by U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, French Defense Minister Charles Hernu, and French External Affairs Minister Claude Cheysson.

Hurd met in Sanaa, North Yemen's capital with Minister of Agriculture and Fishing Ahmad Al-Hamdani and with Deputy Foreign Minister Khaleb Ali. The foreign minister is currently on a Gulf tour with Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

The Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency said the Yemeni talks centered on bilateral relations and supply of British expertise in North Yemen's development plans.

North Yemenis fight alongside Palestinians

ABUDHABI, Feb. 23 (R) — An unspecified number of North Yemenis have been killed while fighting alongside Palestinian commando groups in Lebanon, North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh was quoted as saying Tuesday.

Col. Saleh, who is touring the Gulf, also told the United Arab Emirates news agency he did not expect a 1979 merger agreement between North Yemen and South Yemen to be carried out in the next few years. "It is not easy to eliminate a partition (between the two Yemens) that has lasted for decades in a few years," he said.

Saleh said his government had asked North Yemenis to join Palestinian groups as volunteers.

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POLISH PARTY MEETING

The Polish Communist Party meets Wednesday and Thursday to study the situation in Poland following the imposition of martial law Dec. 13. The party, it is understood, is to discuss the possible basis for a dialogue with the independent trade union, Solidarity.

The party meeting comes as a result of the increasing pressure on Gen. Jaruzelski to find a way out of the political and social stalemate in which the country finds itself following the military takeover, as Solidarity leader Lech Walesa has rejected all talks with the government until martial law and the emergency measures accompanying it are lifted.

Archbishop Glemp, who has returned recently from a visit to the Vatican, is said to have made some way with Gen. Jaruzelski on the matter of a reconciliation within the country. Unless this obtains in some degree, the threat of Soviet invasion on the one hand, and the Western sanctions on the other, will remain. Nor can the government surmount the country's economic difficulties without the support of the people, the vast majority of whom still owe allegiance to Solidarity.

The Polish Communist Party has declared that it will not accept the conditions set by Walesa for negotiations — calling them "impossible." Yet, it nevertheless declared its readiness to talk, provided that Solidarity recognizes the validity of the government's program for solving the country's problems. Gen. Jaruzelski's aim, it is reported, is to employ both the Catholic leadership and the moderate wing of the party in the search for a middle ground on which future relations could be developed.

Saudi Arabian press review

The emergency meeting of the Arab interior ministers concluded in Riyadh Monday night by ratifying the basic statute for their permanent council; the conference of the interior ministers of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) later Tuesday; and the proposed meeting of the Political Committee of the European Council in occupied Jerusalem in May; were main topics for editorial comment in Tuesday's newspapers.

Dealing with Tuesday's meeting of the GCC interior ministers, *Al-Riyadh* said the conference will give priority for enhancing the Gulf security and preserving its wealth and resources.

The paper drew attention to the existing international and regional dangers threatening the Arabian Gulf states with the aim of disturbing their stability and damaging their progress and development. It warned against "regional powers" which are trying to export their problems and destructive actions to the Gulf region.

"The umbrella of Gulf security should cover the region's economic, cultural, development and information fields, since the Gulf states have their own nature and characteristics," it said.

Okaz, highlighted remarks made Monday night by Interior Minister Prince Naif in which he stressed the need for ensuring stability and peace in the Arab world "so as to

have a productive Arab society enjoying welfare, prosperity and peace and to face intrigues of jealous and expansionist powers."

The paper hailed the creation of a permanent council for the Arab interior ministers as a gigantic stride toward achieving the desired security integration throughout the Arab world.

Referring to the inauguration of the Arab Center for Security Studies and Training in Riyadh, the paper said the center as well as the Arab Organization for Social Defense will ensure the most advanced scientific equipment and research for achieving the best measures for security in the whole Arab world.

Al-Nadwa said the Gulf security is the cornerstone of Arab security "because of the vital role played by the Gulf states at regional and international levels and their large resources which have become the target of foreign powers and malicious designs and conspiracies."

Al-Jazirah and *Al-Madinah* dealt with the decision of the European Parliament's Political Committee to hold its forthcoming meeting in occupied Jerusalem in May.

Al-Jazirah said the Arabs must strongly oppose such a decision. The paper urged the Arabs to launch a decisive campaign to prevent the convening of such meeting in the holy city occupied by the Zionist enemy. (SPA)

Deng's purge jolts party officials

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON —

China's newspapers and radio are vibrating with daily accounts of party officials being exposed, arrested, and dismissed in the gathering momentum of the great Dengist purge. But although Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping, from his vantage point on "the second line" of the leadership, has declared that no official who ignores party dictates will escape punishment, and that doves of the old and old-fashioned will have to give way to the middle-aged and more up-to-date, he is determined, too, to avoid chaos.

This view is summed up by a Manchurian Party official who noted recently that "today the unprecedented catastrophe of excessive struggle has become a thing of the past," a pointed reminder about the horrors of the Cultural Revolution which ended less than six years ago.

"The people of China do not want any more turmoil," Deng has observed, although he has also described the upheaval he is now summoning up as "a second revolution."

With 200,000 bureaucrats — one-third of the central apparatus — about to lose their jobs, and 50,000 sacked teachers in one province alone, Deng's as yet non-violent purge is well under way. From the lowest ranks to the highest — some ministries are inhabited by hundreds of vice-premiers — no official is safe, and chairman Hu Yaobang has just disclosed in Peking that the numbers involved are large.

Those being chopped fall into two main categories: the outmoded and useless are in one; the other contains the allegedly disloyal and the outright crooked.

Those in the first group may feel slightly mollified that Deng himself has supposedly retired because of his age (this fact has yet to be conveyed to the Chinese masses) although they know full well that he retains all his vital positions such as the command of the army. In China, where "face" is of special consequence, however, even the appearance of Deng's stepping back makes the removal of others more acceptable.

In the Third Ministry of Machine Building, for instance, 269 officials have "withdrawn," including seven vice-premiers who "have set an example by taking up the post of advisers," known in the new terminology as "the third rank."

Whereas such withdrawals are treated as honorable, a different fate awaits those who are corrupt or disobedient. But the Dengists will have a difficult job tearing apart the traditional web of complicity, obligation, and trust which shapes Chinese corruption. In a country where salaries are low but rank confers enormous power, the opportunities to misuse office are, and always have been, considerable. A further difficulty is that only recently has the Peking leadership been able to concede that the problem of corruption actually exists.

Unless something is done, Deng knows, few will lose the cynicism felt by almost all Chinese. In an unusually blunt leader, the official *People's Daily* said recently that hardly anyone believes "our country surely will be able to change from chaos to order and from poverty to prosperity."

The leadership will have to tread carefully in order to reassure officialdom, which by now must be very nervous indeed, that a new Gang of Four bloodbath is not around the corner. A high-ranking party investigating team has traveled to three seahoard provinces which are especially vulnerable to the financial allure of Hong Kong and Taiwan.

In Fujian the party first secretary has demanded a crackdown on smuggling and graft, noting that "it is impossible to carry out smuggling and speculation without collusion between the higher levels and the lower." Criminal activities within the party will be rooted out, he said. (ONS)

El Salvador, after Poland, splits Western alliance

By Harvey Morris

LONDON —

El Salvador is at last turning into a political issue among U.S. allies a year after Washington urged them to back its anti-Communist policy there. But, rather than toeing the American line, a number of the United States' closest friends find themselves out of step and even in conflict with Washington's handling of the Salvadoran situation.

After differences within the Western alliance over how to respond to events in Poland, disagreements on El Salvador pose a further threat to harmony, according to some Western statesmen.

Danish Prime Minister Anker Joergensen said recently that Reagan administration policies on both El Salvador and Poland were undermining cooperation between Western Europe and the United States. The Western allies for the most part cold-shouldered U.S. attempts a year ago to involve them in a campaign against alleged Communist interference in the affairs of the Central American state.

Western European officials said at the time their governments had no desire to be caught up in an issue in the United States' own backyard.

In the past year, however, Western news coverage of the violence between left-wing guerrillas and the forces of the U.S.-backed junta has turned El Salvador into a subject of major public concern, not only in the United States, Britain, which is often close to the Reagan administration on foreign policy issues, this week cited public opinion as a reason for its decision to send observers to elections in El Salvador on March 28.

Growing unrest in Zaire may force President Mobutu to recall the 2,000 troops he has sent to join the Organization of African Unity peacekeeping force in Chad.

According to diplomatic sources, the troops, armed and equipped by France, have already been put on alert for an immediate return home. They provide Mobutu with his main line of defense should unrest in Zaire get out of hand. The French decision to arm, clothe, feed and pay these soldiers was Mobutu's most important gain at the summit of French-speaking African countries in Paris last year.

Africa and the world were led to believe that Mobutu had peace in Africa at heart when in reality, critics assert, he was more interested in finding a way for somebody else to pay for the troops he



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A Foreign Office spokesman said the decision was taken in view of public concern in Britain about events in El Salvador and a need for greater information on the situation there. Even so, it took almost three months for Britain's Conservative government to make up its mind about sending observers in response to a request from the El Salvador junta last Dec. 1.

Other Western countries have refused to send observers, either because they believe the poll will be unrepresentative or because of a continuing desire not to become embroiled in a distant row.

In West Germany, where media coverage of El Salvador has almost rivalled the space allotted to Poland, a Bonn government spokesman noted, without elaboration, that a junta request for observers had been turned down. The majority party in the ruling West German coalition, the Social Democratic Party (SPD), does not hide its opposition to the present El Salvador regime.

"The brutality with which, in particular, the armed forces of the ruling junta carry on murdering people cannot be accepted by anyone," SPD parliamentarians said in a statement this month. In direct contradiction to Reagan administration policy on El Salvador, the statement added that the SPD opposed "all economic and military support for the ruling junta."

This year's U.S. aid to the junta totals \$185 million, including \$81 million in military assistance. U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig has declined to rule out increased U.S. military involvement if this became necessary to prevent a Communist takeover. So far this involvement is confined to 50 American advisers sent by President Reagan.

Many of Washington's allies, in contrast, would

prefer to see a political solution through negotiations between the junta and the guerrillas. This apparently accounts for their reluctance even to act as observers at the March elections in which left-wing parties have refused to stand.

Denmark, Holland, Greece and Australia as well as West Germany have turned down request from the junta for observers.

In Italy, attitudes to El Salvador have become important enough to cause a growing rift in the ruling coalition.

The Socialists and Christian Democrats, major partners in the Italian cabinet, differ sharply on their attitudes to the Salvadoran government of President Jose Napoleon Duarte. The Socialists have demanded the government withdraw a statement of solidarity with Duarte and the row will be debated in the Italian parliament this week.

In France, support for the guerrilla cause is such that the junta did not even bother to ask the Socialist government in Paris to contribute to the observer team. France announced last August that it believed El Salvador's guerrilla-led opposition was a representative force which should take part in negotiations over the country's future. A similar view has been expressed by the Dutch government.

At the same time France initiated an unauthorized arms deal with Nicaragua, which Washington accuses of being one of the major conduits of Communist aid to the El Salvador rebels.

Washington has played down its public reaction to the deal, which remained secret until last month, apparently to avoid a further impression of disunity in an Atlantic Alliance already troubled by differences over Poland.

U.S. Ambassador Evan Griffith Galbraith had

earlier warned there could be political conflict between Washington and Paris unless the French changed their attitudes on El Salvador.

President Francois Mitterrand and other French officials have nevertheless continued to stress a view current in a number of Western capitals — that peace in Central America depends more on establishing social justice and ending human rights violations than on combating alleged Soviet-sponsored subversion. (R)



TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 24th, the 55th day of 1982. There are 310 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1525 — Spanish Army, using muskets for first time in war, rout French and Swiss forces at Pavia, Italy, as 14,000 men are slain in battle.

1530 — Charles V is crowned Roman emperor and king of Italy by Pope Clement VII at Bologna — the last imperial coronation by a Pope.

1656 — Spain declares war on England.

1824 — Governor-general of India declares war against Burmese after British East India Company territory is violated.

1826 — Treaty of Yandabu ends Burmese war, with Burmese paying indemnity.

1891 — China pays indemnity to Russia for return of Li Valley in northwest China.

1920 — Nazi Party is organized in Germany.

1922 — Henri Landru, Frenchman known as "Bluebeard," is executed at Versailles, France, for murdering 10 lady friends.

1945 — Ahmed Pasha, premier of Egypt, is assassinated after announcing Egypt's declaration of war against Germany; U.S. troops liberate Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese occupation in World War II.

1955 — Turkey and Iraq sign treaty of alliance.

1970 — Avalanche at Reckingen in southwest Switzerland takes 30 lives.

1973 — Israel admits to partial blame in downing of Libyan airliner over Sinai Desert, which eventually took 106 lives.

1977 — It is announced that the United States will reduce its aid to Argentina, Uruguay and Ethiopia because of human rights violations in those nations.

1979 — Chinese troops seize a third provincial capital in Vietnam's northern border region, and troops are reported in strategic city of Lang Son.

1981 — Group of Civil Guards storm session of Spanish parliament in coup attempt that lasts one day.

Thought for today:

Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood — Marie Curie, Polish-born scientist (1867-1934).

سكندرية

'New Feudalism' a possibility

American states face deficit budgets caused by Reagan's 'new Federalism'

By Denis Brulet

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — President Ronald Reagan has designed his "New Federalism" program in an effort to give back to the 50 states of the Union the power that has been progressively taken from them during the nation's 200 years history. But in a recent swing through the Midwest it was brought home to him that it will not be easy to turn back the clock even though his project has

been presented as a mere transfer of resources among reasonable men.

Reagan's plan for a "New Federalism" has raised fears in the United States of a "New Feudalism". It has revived memories from a not too far distant past of bloodshed and conflict between north and south, rich and poor, whites and blacks.

The president limited the risks by first testing reactions during a swing through three states of the Midwest — Minnesota, Iowa and

Indiana. His audience consisted of Republican legislators of conservative outlook and local officials only too happy to hear from the president himself that he preferred them to the federal officials in Washington.

Nobody has any illusion about the effects of the Reagan plan which will result in a considerable decrease in the services offered by the states to the citizen.

Under the plan the federal government will progressively assume responsibility for huge medical aid costs — an expense which is at present shared between Washington and the states.

In return the states would pay all the costs for feeding the poor and other social aid programs, for the upkeep of roads and sewers, for job training, education and local transport. In 1984 the exchange would involve a transfer of funds amounting to \$4.7 billion.

During the president's Midwest swing demonstrators demanding jobs brought home the problem that the project is being launched during a period of grave economic crisis. On top of that the president has already slashed funds allocated to the states by \$1.3 billion in 1982 and is planning to tighten the screws even more in 1983.

The states are finding their federal funding cut drastically. Ohio, one of the most industrialized and densely populated states stands to lose \$405 million. In Florida, home of retired senior citizens will be cut by \$450 million, and Tennessee \$206 million.

In all the American states, and particularly in the big cities which are already on the edge of bankruptcy, the cuts will have grave consequences with cutbacks in jobs that have been calculated with nothing to spare.

For the time being the reductions have not had too great an impact on social aid programs. But there are fears that state legislators will not maintain social aid at its present level.

One of the chief difficulties of the Reagan plan is in big American cities. Their budgets depend almost entirely on funds provided by Washington. In the meantime, city dwellers depend mainly on the rural vote and these voters are not prepared to subsidize the cities to such an extent although it is in the cities that most of the unemployed and poor are to be found. The cities also require a huge investment to develop their industrial infrastructure and for urban redevelopment.

Some cities, mainly in the south and west, have been managing better than other northern cities which have found it necessary to reshuffle budgetary priorities.

At Fresno, California, the streets are no longer cleaned. In Oakland, California, a private purchaser is being sought for the museum and a state-owned auditorium.

Boston, Massachusetts, is selling a hospital and Baltimore, Maryland, a fleet of trucks from the fire department. In Ohio one town has fired its 14 firemen.

New York has had to make even more drastic economies. It has abolished 7,500 municipal jobs and slashed its educational budget by \$49 million and removed 104,000 persons from its public assistance roll. Detroit has made savings on its schools by dismissing 1,100 employees.

which would make the intention behind any discrimination immaterial.

This bill has arrived at the Senate, where 63 out of 100 Senators have indicated that they feel this way too, which might (and many feel ought) to have been an end to the matter, with a strengthened law on the books leading to more blacks winning local office.

But the president's men from the U.S. Justice Department said that such a law would lead inexorably to undesirable proportional representation, and that anyway, even if there was no "smoking gun" at the scene of the crime, it was not difficult to prove intention by circumstantial evidence.

Civil rights groups, already alarmed by Reagan's recent blundering attempt to exempt segregationist universities from federal taxes, blew a loud whistle, and battle was joined this week both on Capitol Hill and on the roads of rural Alabama, where a small group of activists is tracing the celebrated route once taken from Selma to Birmingham by the late Martin Luther King. As they go, the marchers are collecting local stories of continuing discrimination, which will be presented to the Senate judiciary committee by Edward Kennedy.

Coming close on the heels of deep cuts in welfare, provision, which inevitably hits blacks hard, Reagan's "New Federalism" concept — whereby certain crucial powers would be handed back to the states (putting civil rights workers uncomfortably in mind of the discrimination practiced before Uncle Sam stepped in), and a Senate vote to outlaw busing as a remedy for segregated schooling — the Administration's stance on the Voting Rights Act is regarded by many concerned people as a fundamental attempt to roll back the progress of the last 30 years.

A black leader in Florida said recently in the wake of a local outbreak of attacks and vandalism directed against black people: "The White House has done more to change, defeat and destroy civil rights than all the Ku Klux Klans put together." Many people voice fears that at a time of severe social pressure caused by the recession, the administration's apparently indifferent feelings toward blacks could cause severe polarization between the races.

Sharp rise in costs cited

Oil results in bitterness, wealth; some Scots wish it hadn't arrived

ABERDEEN, Scotland, (R) — Britain's North Sea oil boom has brought bitterness as well as wealth to this Scottish port and left many local people longing for the days before "black gold" transformed their lives.

When Britain began to funnel oil through Aberdeen in the early 1970s, the cost of living in the city rose sharply. Those connected with oil grew fat on the pickings of prosperity, but part of the city's 250,000 population became worse off.

Traditionally thrifty Aberdonians have had to dig deep into their savings since oil arrived, because they say the city's shopkeepers and businessmen have been cashing in on the influx of free-spending oilmen by pushing up prices.

The price of everything has rocketed here in the last 10 years, causing even those associated with North Sea oil to regret the industry's Midas touch and sympathize with those feeling the pinch.

"I wish oil had never been discovered. Those who have money are getting richer and the locals can't afford to go out on a Friday," rig worker Leon Leonard said.

Paper mills, textile plants and fish-processing factories in this barren, sparsely populated region have been hit hard by what many here see as rampant oil-related inflation.

Property and labor costs, forced up by oil company demand, are the highest in Scotland. They have dealt a further blow to industries still reeling from the effects of recession.

The Northeast Scotland Development Authority estimates that 2,500 non-oil jobs were lost between 1971 and 1976, and about 1,300 of those were in fish-processing.

Some have been re-employed in the oil industry. But others made redundant look back fondly to the days before the North Sea revolution. They can be seen milling around the local employment agency or job center.

The region has an estimated 34,000 persons working in oil-related industries, but 7.6 percent of the working population in the Aberdeen area are jobless — about four percentage points up on the pre-boom 1970 level and still rising.

Two building workers, regulars in one of the city's few remaining sawdust-on-the-floor inns, said oil was taking jobs away from "the ordinary folk." But Paddy Chieholm, district manager of the local job center, said: "If it wasn't for North Sea oil, the situation would be much worse."

A well-known local song begins: "The North-South Lights of Old Aberdeen Mean Home Sweet Home to Me," but many who have lived in this Spartan corner of northeast Scotland for generations now feel like guests in a

city belonging to oilmen and profiteers. One businessman groused about the cost of a hotel room. He said the price of his bed and breakfast accommodation had gone up from seven sterling (\$13) to 27 sterling (\$58) a night in six years.

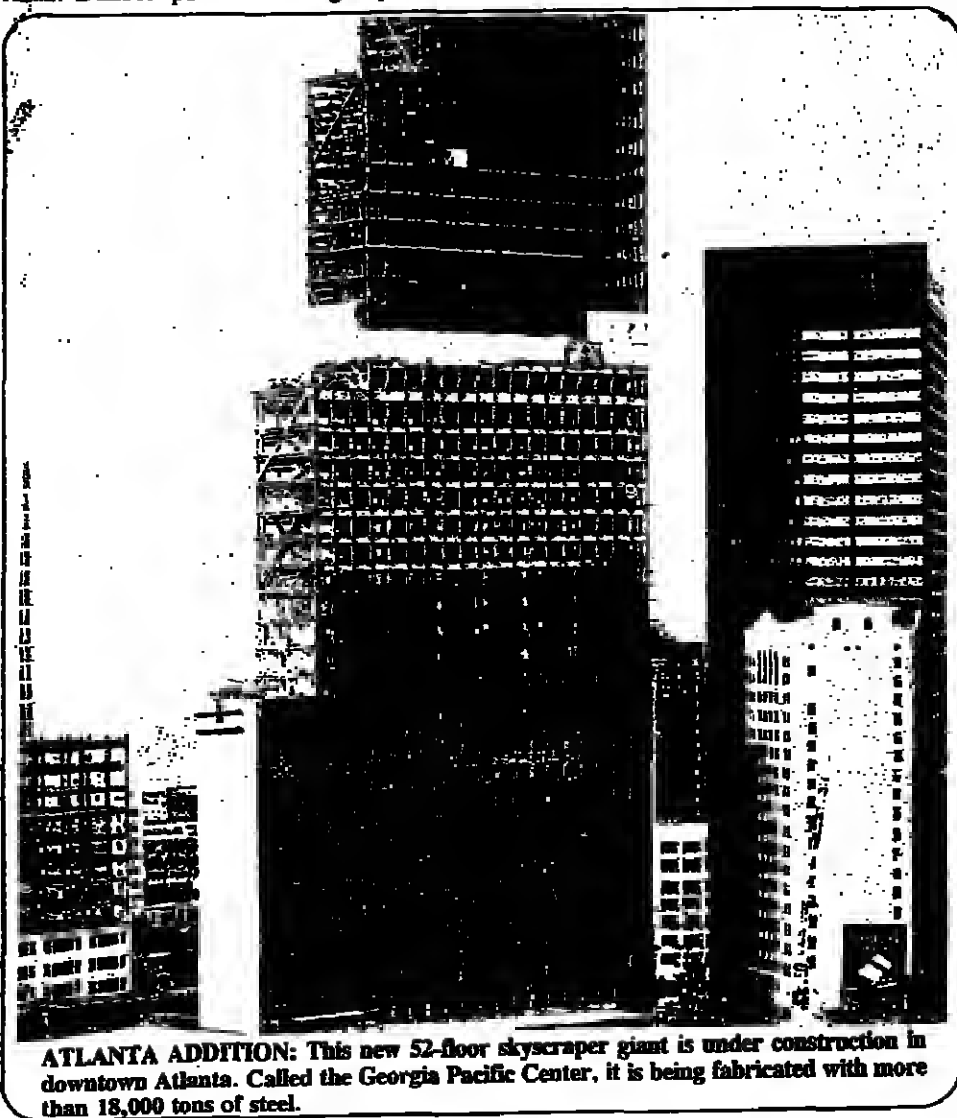
The city's sleek new multistory hotels, which tower above squat but sturdy grey granite houses, charge up to 50 sterling (\$93) a night for a single room. Some Aberdonians say they feel left out in the cold, suffering because of oil.

The fishing community here believes it has suffered more than most. "They've bled us dry...fishermen made this town and oil has spoiled it," said Sandy Dunoon, a local fisherman. Dunoon pointed out a group of his

mates and said they had no regular income and no prospects. He said some had gone to work on the oil boats, but the rest just sat dreaming. "If you're not part of the oil scene you're out," he added.

Trawlers still chug three abreast into Aberdeen harbor with laden creels for the fish market. But nowadays they have to jostle for position at the quays with oil supply vessels and pay grossly inflated landing charges.

Construction sites, cranes and warehouses are everywhere. Jobs have been created and fortunes made. But the Department of Energy has estimated oil could dry up in 38 years — and then Aberdeen could be left like a family without a breadwinner.



ATLANTA ADDITION: This new 52-floor skyscraper giant is under construction in downtown Atlanta. Called the Georgia Pacific Center, it is being fabricated with more than 18,000 tons of steel.



TOGGLER



LILLYPOP

For youthful readers

Bumbles family adventures begin Friday in Arab News

By a Staff Writer

MUMBLES, South Wales — Youthful Arab News readers will be able to read on Friday about Mumbles, a tiny and unknown village overlooking Swansea Bay, the scene for a new series of exclusive articles about the adventures of the Bumbles family which lives beside Oystermouth Bay.

The Bumbles of Mumbles are a tiny folk who got their name from the fact that their feet are especially designed to travel across pebbles, jumping from stone to stone. When they walk or run along the flat ground they wobble, ever so slightly, from side to side, which gives them a sort of bumbling walk.

In the new Bumbles of Mumbles series,

young readers will meet Dearlo Bumble, one of the most daring and adventurous little Bumbles, his friends Togglor and Lillypop, and the kindly Wizard of Oystermouth Castle.

The first in a series of articles will begin this Friday called, "The Lobsters and the Crabs." In this article the residents of Mumbles will be introduced and Dearlo Bumble and his friends will investigate the "Full Moon Feast of the Claw People" and learn some exciting things about their home.

Other series will include: "The Fastest Bumble of the Year," "Forbidden Territory," "The Unhappy Giant," "The Misty Mist" and "The Elves of Oak Lea."



DEARLO BUMBLE: The most daring and adventurous little Bumbles explores Oystermouth Bay. The new series begins this Friday.

Musical play planned about Sir Winston

By William Toohey

LONDON (LAT) — "One side of my family chartered the *Mayflower*," remarked flame-haired Celia Sandys, during dinner at London's Samba restaurant, "and the other side was on the shore waiting for the *Mayflower* to arrive."

"So the transatlantic connection has always been strong in the family."

Celia Sandys, daughter of Lord Duncan Sandys, granddaughter of Sir Winston Churchill and great-great-great-granddaughter of an Iroquois woman, is a kind of modern transatlantic woman, with professional interests in England and the United States.

Her latest venture is putting together a musical about Churchill, with emphasis on the dark days of World War II from the time he became minister until the United States entered "the conflict. The play's working title is *Winnie*.

"We are currently involved in raising funds for the show on both sides of the Atlantic," Sandys said. "I thought it would be a good idea — since there had been no previous plays about my grandfather."

"It was a very poignant time then and there will be a lot of nostalgic songs from the period. We thought we would re-create those songs and add a few new ones especially written for the musical."

"Many people seem to note the absence of great leaders in the world these days. Since we don't seem to be able to look forward, we thought we might look back and be cheered up by those evocative songs of the time."

"The opening scene will show young Winston at Harrow, with the school singing their songs, and it will end at Chequers with him listening to President Roosevelt's reaction to Pearl Harbor."

"We'd like to open in London for a season before taking the musical to Broadway, and we're hopeful that it just might be the hit of the decade."

Sandys does not mind thinking big. Energetic and engaging, she and her sister, Edwina, inherited their mother's good looks and their grandfather's fiery independence.

Edwina, who also was involved in the conception of the musical, is a noted artist, currently based in New York, whose amusing, erotic watercolors and prints decorate many chic drawing rooms on both sides of the Atlantic.

The mother of the Sandys sisters, Diana Churchill, married Duncan Sandys, then an up-and-coming cabinet minister and a descendant of Sir Edwin Sandys. Sir Edwin was the man who, as treasurer of the Virginia Company, chartered the pilgrim ship *Mayflower* and obtained a patent for the Puritans to settle in New England.

Sir Edwin later fell out of favor with King James I, who objected to his re-election as treasurer of the Virginia Company and reputedly declared to the board: "Choose the devil if you like but not Sir Edwin Sandys."

Rockefeller said, 'buy Greenland'

NEW YORK — Is it true that when he was vice president, Nelson Rockefeller suggested the U.S. government consider buying Greenland?

Rockefeller's chief speech-writer for 11 years, Joe Persico, writes in a new biography that when he was vice president, Rockefeller's "unoccupied mind occasionally produced bizarre conceits."

According to Persico, Rockefeller noticed a newspaper article describing the economic burden Greenland was to its parent, Denmark. He sent the clipping to his counsel with an attached note that read, "why don't we look into buying it?" Persico's book, *The Imperial Rockefeller*, has just been published by Simon Schuster.



MYSTERY PLAY: The sea lion at the right and the walrus are all part of a new "thriller" being presented at the Orlando, Florida Sea World. Trainer Dave Force takes the role of a sheriff investigating the mysterious disappearance of a rich walrus. This is the final act where the sea lion, who was the suspect in the case, kisses the sheriff goodnight as the missing walrus suddenly appears safe and well. Needless to say, they all live happily ever after.

Severe penalties for 'hazing' suggested to stop its practice

By Jagannath

NEW DELHI (Depthnews) — Despite a government ban on ragging or hazing as it is also known elsewhere, the practice continues unabated throughout university campuses in India. Even Indian President N. Sanjiva Reddy has acknowledged the failure of the ban, saying it "has failed to impress the devils and brutes" who engage in the practice.

Ragging, as it is practiced now, is no longer the innocent teasing it used to be. Sociologists say that it has turned into criminal torture inflicted on innocent victims.

It is estimated that almost one million students admitted annually to thousands of colleges in India are subjected to ragging. College seniors justify the practice, saying that it serves to "break in" freshmen for the university environment.

But such a practice has resulted in deaths and hospitalizations for victims. The latest ragging victim was Ganesh Babu, a freshman at the Devangere Medical College in the south Indian state of Karnataka.

Unable to bear the pain and humiliation of ragging, Babu went home to tell his tale of woe. But his father only told him to go back and face the situation boldly. Rather than face his tormentors again, Babu hanged himself in his room.

But before he banded himself, Babu wrote his father, saying that he could not bear the "inhuman ragging" and requested him to publicize the tragedy so that no one else suffers in his room.

Observers doubt, however, that the Babu letter will do anything to stop ragging or bring the culprits to court. Last year, another freshman from the same school, Joseph Thomas, suffered from a collapsed lung and genital injuries.

Although the police at that time booked five students, it obviously has had no effect on the other students and the college administration. Ragging is punishable by one year's restriction from the university.

No one really knows where or when ragging started. Indian sociologists say that practice probably started in English schools, like

Oxford, Cambridge, Eton and Harrow.

An old hand at ragging describes the practice as "one of those unwritten rights which every senior has over the years considered it to be his." It has become so common that no one questions this self-asserted authority of seniors over their juniors.

According to sociologists, seniors often torment helpless freshmen only to amuse themselves. "These bullies know how to begin ragging, but do not know where to end it," one sociologist said.

Ragging may range from the cleaning of rooms to criminal acts like occurred at one institute of technology where a newly-admitted student was tormented with lighted

Hazing — or ragging as the Indians call it — has resulted in the deaths and hospitalization of many students. It may range from innocent jokes to criminal torture.

cigarettes, causing burns all over his body. Another student left the institute within 24 hours of admission because he was severely ragged by senior students. The student, Kunal Chatterjee, described how the senior students slapped, boxed and kicked him when ever he forgot to address them as "Sir."

Even female students are not spared from ragging. Not long ago, scores of female students at Miranda House — one of the most prestigious women's colleges in Delhi — were treated for shock as a result of ragging.

Others are made to "swim" in mud pools, college lawns and the concrete floor. Or, they may be made to re-enact love scenes from a recent Hindi film.

Letters have flooded newspapers in India, calling for an end to ragging. One said:

"Ragging cannot be justified. It is inhuman. Whipping, stripping, administering electric shocks and similar sadistic acts are committed in the name of ragging and the police and university authorities just look on."

West concentrates on diseases of the affluent Unnecessary drugs flood poor countries

By Sumanta Banerjee

DACCA (Depthnews) — How does one look at diseases? The interpretation may differ from one community to another. In a primitive society in a remote village of Asia, for instance, the interpretation of tuberculosis may be religious: the victim has sinned and the gods are punishing him. In cities, the TB patient may be told about the bacillus causing the disease, while treatment uses X-rays, BCG vaccines and proper diet to prevent a relapse.

There is a third interpretation: transferring to the patient the knowledge that only poor and malnourished people get tuberculosis. And that only a basic change in the socio-economic conditions to provide better hygienic surroundings and nutritious food can prevent tuberculosis.

An exciting debate on all these possible interpretations of diseases common in developing countries took center stage during a conference on technology transfer to the Third World held mid-January at Savar near Dhaka. The conference was organized by the Ganoshastha Pharmaceuticals—a drug factory run by a voluntary organization called

While common diseases like malaria and diarrhea have been brought under control in the West, these very diseases, among others, continue to haunt the Third World. One reason may be the inappropriateness of drug technology.

the *Ganoshastha Kendra* (People's Health Center) working among the rural poor of Bangladesh.

Participants from both the developed and developing countries stressed a few common points. First, diseases like malaria and diarrhea which have been brought under control in the industrialized West continue to haunt Third World countries.

Second, Third World governments and foreign drug companies have been indifferent in providing enough drugs for tropical diseases, while concentrating their efforts on the diseases of the affluent, like heart ailments and cancer.

Third, and most important, it is necessary for Third World countries to tackle their own health problems through the local production of drugs for diseases which are common among the populace.

The delegates stressed that most Third World countries are in the tropics and tropi-

cal diseases like malaria, schistosomiasis (snail fever), hookworm, filariasis and trypanosomiasis form the bulk of diseases in these countries. But the overall pattern of ill health in most of the Third World is more related to underdevelopment than to latitude.

Several of the killing diseases in these countries were serious health hazards in Europe a century ago. Dr. John Yudkin, a diabetes specialist from the Whittington Hospital, London, who had worked in Tanzania, said: "The decline of dysentery, tuberculosis, measles and pertussis as major threats to health preceded the advent of any specific preventive or curative intervention, and was probably more related to improvements in nutrition and the environment."

These diseases still have a high incidence and a high mortality in most underdeveloped countries, and they could be reduced by improvements in nutritional status and by provision of clean water and sewage disposal for

the population. A similar preventive approach is also most relevant for the specifically tropical diseases, since their spread is usually caused by faecal contamination, animal infection, or overcrowding.

In such a situation, would the reproduction of Western drugs in the Third World help the eradication of the diseases?

According to one estimate, many developing nations spend between 20 percent and 50 percent of their total health budget on drugs — either by manufacturing them, often in conjunction with international foreign companies or importing them from the West. Yet, in most industrialized countries the figure is around only 10 percent of the total health budget.

As a spokesman of the People's Health Center put it, "Bangladesh is flooded with unnecessary drugs. These drugs are the most heavily advertised, the most expensive in many cases, and the least needed. Nearly half of the lists of most drug companies producing in Bangladesh are made up of vitamins and tonics. For whom? Tonics for the overfed middle classes who need a pick-me-up as they get older. Certainly, the poor don't need such panacea. They would do better to buy, with the money they now spend on vitamins and tonics prescribed, a year's worth of seeds for vegetables."

But thanks to the widespread advertising campaign by the drug companies and their hold on local doctors, unnecessary drugs have reached even remote villages. For instance, in Britain alone, there exists one drug company representative for every 20 British doctors. Figures for the Third World are unavailable, but participants agreed that the poor are literally mesmerized by the drug companies and the doctors into buying these medicines.

Speaking at the Savar conference, David Werner said that the poor in the Third World spent from 20 percent to 60 percent of their yearly income on medication. Werner, who works in Mexican villages is the author of the popular book *Where There Is No Doctor*, a health manual for villages without doctors or even health care.

He said that by diverting their hard-earned money from essential food to medicine, the poor were in fact perpetuating the diseases that invited these expensive drugs. "Health care itself is becoming a major cause of malnutrition," he said.

What is the role of big foreign drug companies in all this?

They came in for drubbing at the Savar conference when delegates from Third World countries pointed out how these companies were monopolizing drug production in their countries. In Bangladesh, eight foreign companies control 80 percent of the drug market, leaving only 20 percent to the 160 local pharmaceutical companies.

Another Look

The advantages of atomic war

By Robert Yoakum

When I learned that Dr. Werner von Pangloss, the geopolitician, was about to launch a lecture tour on the advantages of atomic war I rushed to his office for an interview.

"Is it true that your speech will be called 'The Advantage of Atomic War,' Dr. Pangloss?"

"Right. Absolutely correct."

"Why did you pick that subject? It's going to be controversial."

"It surely is! Well, the truth is that I wanted to be the first. About a year ago, when Vice President George Bush was campaigning, he talked about emerging 'a winner' from a nuclear exchange. Now more and more officials in Washington are talking about a winnable nuclear war."

"So you..."

"So I decided to take the next logical step and be the first on the lecture circuit with the advantages of an atomic war. In many ways such a war would be a good thing, you know."

"No. I certainly didn't know! Give me some examples."

"Gladly. Let's begin with parking. Finding a place to park has become one of the city-dweller's biggest headaches. I have a friend in Boston who paid a garage almost twenty thousand dollars for a lifetime parking space. But after an atomic war there will be unlimited parking!"

"I'd never thought of that."

"There's the problem! People don't think! I'll bet you've never considered the health benefits of a nuclear conflict, have you?"

"Health benefits?"

"That's right. Health authorities agree that modern man's sedentary habits have made him go soft. He drives to work instead of walking. He sits at a desk instead of hoeing or hammering or whatever. He gets food from restaurants and supermarket shelves instead of cultivating crops or hunting game."

"I think I can guess this one: After an atomic war people will be back to basics. They'll have to walk, hoe, hammer, and the rest. Right?"

"You catch on fast. You're not like those gloom and doom people who see only bad side of things. Look at another advantage."

Unemployment is a serious problem, but after a nuclear exchange the very areas that now have the highest unemployment rates — the centers of cities — will have the lowest."

"And I assume there will be a tremendous amount of work for unskilled survivors?"

"That's right! Removing bodies and debris, taking a new census, rebuilding streets... things like that. And as a bonus we will finally be rid of America's slums!"

"Fantastic! What else?"

"We'll also save lives."

"I'll be damned! How?"

"Take automobile accidents, for example. They claim 50,000 lives a year in the U.S. alone. There won't be enough driving after an atomic war to fill one Los Angeles exit ramp. We'll be saving half a million lives every decade."

"But what about property losses?"

"Sure, some valuable things will go up in the mushroom, but here, too, there are advantages. The nation and most homes are overflowing with junk — things that fill attics, basements, closets. Like appeals from alumni groups and old magazines and wedding presents that you didn't know what to do with and —"

"I get the idea. Any more advantages?"

"An atomic war would be a great boon to the environment."

"You continue to surprise me!"

"That's because you don't use your head. Think about the sources of pollution. Who is fouling the air with smoke, the water with chemicals, and the earth with poisonous wastes?"

"Industry?"

"Correct. And what will be a primary target in any all-out atomic war?"

"By love, you're right! No industry; no contamination of the environment. This interview has been a real eye-opener."

"I'm glad. Now I have to go work on my shelter."

"Shelter?"

"That's right. I'm building a thirty-foot-deep, lead-lined, two-bedroom bomb shelter. There won't be many Americans around to enjoy all those advantages, and I want to be one of them."

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VITAMIN DEFICIENCY



STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J.

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Dear Doctors: I've been reading a lot about the need for sufficient vitamin C to prevent colds and allergy problems. I'm especially aware of it because I have been suffering from colds for years.

As I don't like to take pills, I've been filling up on orange and grapefruit juice every day. I drink a liter water.

Under these conditions, wouldn't I be protecting myself adequately? I have no bad habits except that I still smoke about a pack a day.

For more complete protection, do you advise I take vitamin C supplements in pill or capsule form?—Mrs. Y.

Dear Mrs. Y.: Let's begin with your one bad habit: smoking. One strong motivation that may influence you to quit is the realization that smoking lowers the amount of vitamin C level in the blood.

You defeat your own purpose by continuing to smoke. If you are pregnant you will give birth to a smaller baby.

If you are in the menopausal age, smoking will likely produce more loss of minerals from your bones. Result: greater likelihood of suffering a broken hip or spine fracture.

But returning to your need for vitamin C to prevent colds we suggest that you will need vitamin C pills in addition, or instead of your large intake of fruit juices, to build up protection.

MEDICALETTES

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Doctors: I have severe menstrual cramps. Have had them for years. But my family doctor has never prescribed anything for them. He maintains that it's bad to treat cramps because they are natural; that women should learn to bear them philosophically. He says many

women like myself complain because of psychological reasons that exaggerate the pains.

I am writing for your opinion. All I have taken on my own are three or four aspirins a day, which seem to help — but only a little. What do you suggest?—Miss O.

Dear Miss O.: First, a consultation or actual change of doctors. We're surprised you've been patient so long and accepted a passive type of treatment rather than an active attack on your problem.

Aspirin, as in your case, has often brought some measure of relief — but usually not enough. Exercises before the expected period sometimes help.

But what we believe is quite important is limiting salt intake in the week preceding your expected period. It reduces swelling in the tissues and relieves tension.

Cut down on or eliminate potato chips, pretzels, or any other salty food. Don't use the salt shaker.

In addition, there are medicines that often bring great relief. For example, ask your doctor about mefenamic acid, which is obtained by prescription. Some women who decide to use contraceptive pills find that they have a dramatic effect on cramps.

For Mrs. T.: Your friend has not exaggerated. Recent studies indicate that when exposed to higher than normal noise levels, a person's blood pressure will rise and cholesterol levels increase. Change of job may help bring down your pressure, Mrs. T.

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Crew members safe

IRA gang blows up British cargo ship

MOVILLE, Ireland, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — In a pirate-like attack in the early hours of Tuesday morning, an armed gang of Provisional IRA guerrillas captured a British cargo vessel, cast its 10-man crew ashore in a lifeboat in Lough Foyle and blew up the ship, police said.

The attack on the 1,200-ton *St. Bedan*, loaded with coal and bound for Londonderry,

Japan seeks restrictions on N-testing

GENEVA, Feb. 23 (AFP) — Japan called here Tuesday for "even limited" additional restrictions on nuclear weapon testing, pending the achievement of a truly comprehensive ban on all nuclear explosions.

Addressing the U.N. committee on disarmament, Yoshio Okawa, Japan's ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, voiced his delegation's disappointment that a comprehensive test ban (CTB) on the testing of nuclear weapons seemed to be "receding even more into the future."

He stressed that three-way negotiations between the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union on a comprehensive test ban were suspended nearly 18 months ago, and added that 19 years had passed since the partial test ban treaty — which does not preclude underground explosions — was concluded with a promise that the three non-European states would continue to seek a comprehensive ban.

Okawa charged that in the field of detecting underground nuclear explosions "the quest for absolute perfection in the verification mechanism, may result in no agreement that all." He said that "a reasonable balance has to be struck between the value of having a positive if not complete disarmament agreement on the one hand, and the risk that certain violations may be theoretically possible, in spite of the verification mechanism agreed upon, on the other."

The Japanese ambassador concluded: "While my government refuses to abandon the hope that a truly comprehensive ban on all nuclear explosions of any kind and by any state is an attainable objective, it also feels that, in the state of affairs where we are, even limited additional restrictions on nuclear weapon testing would have the effect of at least slowing down the further development of new types of weapons or hindering the further sophistication of existing ones."

"Above all, the political impact of such a step on international efforts devoted to the cause of disarmament would be undeniable," Okawa added.

Northern Ireland, was a carbon copy of an incident a year ago when a Liverpool coal ship was blown up in the Lough.

Irish police said the dozen-strong IRA gang, armed with rifles and handguns, took over the boat pilot station at Moville, County Donegal, and ordered a pilot boat to take them to the moored coal ship.

They boarded the *St. Bedan*, put guns to the heads of crew members and forced them into a lifeboat, police said. The raiders then took explosives from sacks they brought with them, planted a number of bombs and departed by boat just as the explosives went off, police reported. The ship and its cargo sank in shallow water about a quarter-mile from the republic's coastline.

The Irish Republican Army's "provisional" wing, fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland, said in statement that it was responsible for what it termed "a successful attack on an economic target." The gang warned of further assaults on British ships entering Irish waters.

Police in the Irish Republic said they were questioning three men arrested in County Donegal following the bombing. All the crew members of the *St. Bedan* reached shore safely and no one was hurt in the incident, police said.

The *St. Bedan* had sailed from Northumberland, England, and was waiting to take its load of coal to Londonderry at the southern end of Lough Foyle. The ship's owners, J. Ankg. Gardner of Glasgow, Scotland, sent a strong protest to the Irish government through the General Council of British Shipping, according to company spokesman Alastair Struthers.

"This was an appalling incident and the fact that it had happened in exactly the same way once before makes it even worse," Struthers said. He had spoken to the ship's captain on the telephone just after the crew got ashore about 1.30 a.m. (0130 GMT). "He said (the gunmen) came out in the pilot boat and they (the crew) had no reason to suppose they were anything but the pilot. Then, as they boarded, they were amazed to see the armed men who pushed guns into the backs of their heads and ordered them not to move," Struthers said the nine-year-old *St. Bedan* was worth about \$1.85 million.

Lough Foyle, a seawater inlet bordered on one side by the Irish Republic and the other by British-ruled Northern Ireland, was the scene of an identical attack on another British vessel almost exactly a year ago. Irish Republican guerrillas boarded the 954-ton coal ship *Nelly M* on Feb. 6 last year and blew a hole in its hull with bombs after forcing the crew into a lifeboat.

The seven masked gunmen who took part in the attack on the collier also hijacked a pilot launch to board the vessel. The IRA said it regarded the *Nelly M* as a commercial target. One of the vessel's crew told reporters the gunmen warned that other British vessels entering Irish waters could face the same fate.



STRETCHED OUT: El Salvadoran troops stretch out on a roadside 70 kms northeast of San Salvador Monday awaiting transportation back to their base. They had just come off a four-day operation in the mountains searching for guerrilla hideouts.

Salvador sloop resisted

SAN SALVADOR, Feb. 23 (AFP) — The Salvadoran Army launched a new anti-guerrilla sweep north of the capital Monday and continued others in central El Salvador, Defense Minister Gen. Jose Guillermo Garcia announced. Unofficial sources said the latest "search and destroy" sweep in the Cerro Guazapa hills ran into stiff resistance from leftist forces of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front.

Gen. Garcia said the government troops were scoring with "relative success" in counter insurgency operations in the north of San Vicente district and the south of Cabanas. He estimated that the army was facing a force of 5,000 to 6,000 leftists throughout the country. A new spate of attacks and sabotage had been unleashed this year with a view to upsetting the elections for a constituent assembly late next month.

The leftist front has insisted that the elections — in which candidates will represent only the center-right to extreme-right sector on the political spectrum — cannot solve the Salvadoran crisis. The civilian-military

government, on the other hand, calls the elections the only democratic way out of the little Central American republic's crisis.

Gen. Garcia denied reports that the Salvadoran Army had Argentine advisers, but said that under certain conditions the government might ask the Argentine regime for such help. Col. Rafael Flores Lima, the Salvadoran Army chief of staff, was due to visit Buenos Aires shortly, and that trip should lead to "closer relations" between the armed forces of the two countries, Gen. Garcia said.

The defense minister said that for the time being no Salvadoran troops were taking military training courses in Argentina. He also denied that any non-Salvadoran soldiers were fighting side by side with Salvadoran troops, "even though" there has been a flood of offers from many people who work on contract (i.e., mercenaries). The defense minister also issued orders to the country's armed forces stating that the army was committed to supporting free elections next month and respecting the results.

Britain to charge foreigners full cost of medical treatment

LONDON, Feb. 23 (AP) — Britain is to abolish free medical treatment for most foreign visitors under its state-funded National Health Service, Social Services Secretary Norman Fowler announced.

From Oct. 1, foreigners will have to pay the full cost, he told Parliament. However, treatment after an accident, for an infectious disease or for an emergency such as a heart attack, will remain free.

At present visitors enjoy the same free hospital treatment that Britons get under the socialized-medicine NHS.

But there have been widespread allegations that some foreigners come here specifically for free operations and treatment and then fly straight home.

Fowler said the change would not affect the existing exemption for citizens of the 10-nation European Common Market or from countries that have reciprocal health care agreements with Britain.

To help overseas students, the change affects only those who have been in Britain less than a year. Also exempted will be people coming to work in Britain, plus some visiting dependants of foreigners settled in Britain.

Those visitors who are affected will be able to take out short-term private insurance to cover the cost of medical treatment in Britain.

Fowler said the change would earn the financially hard-pressed NHS an estimated extra six million pounds (\$11 million) a year.

"In making these changes we will bring our position into line with virtually every other Western country," he said. "There is no reason why the British taxpayer should provide free hospital treatment to short-term visitors to this country."

Home Secretary William Whitelaw, meanwhile, announced the abolition of X-rays to determine the age of would-be immigrants to Britain.

Reports three years ago that British officials in Bangladesh told women and children they must have their bones X-rayed if they wanted to settle in Britain brought condemnation from the World Health Organization. It said the X-rays subjected people to unnecessary radiation risks.

Whitelaw maintained the risks were negligible but said evidence showed X-rays did not provide more accurate evidence on age than other tests.

New York gem dealer sued

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Feb. 23 (AP) — Phyllis McGuire, one of the singing McGuire sisters, filed a \$60 million lawsuit Monday against diamond dealer Harry Winston Inc., saying gems she sent to be cleaned were replaced with phonies.

The suit also said Miss McGuire had personal knowledge that the store switched and stole other customers' gems sent to them for cleaning. When the other thefts were discovered, Winston paid the value in exchange for a promise not to disclose the theft or payment, the suit said.

The suit, filed in U.S. district court here by San Francisco lawyer Melvin Belli, seeks \$10 million in general damages and \$50 million in punitive damages from the New York city store. Winston spokesman Ed Gifford said he did not want to comment on the suit, but asked if he was aware of it, he replied, "Oh yes, very aware."

Describing the firm, Belli said: "These are dealers for crown jewels and other big things. They deal with the heads of Europe." Belli said that after Miss McGuire complained to Winston, the company sent representatives to her home to examine her gems. One of them was Richard Vena, a Winston account executive.

The court papers included a statement from Vena, saying: "The dia (Diamond) I examined is not the diamond originally sold to Phyllis McGuire. A drastic mistake has been made by Harry Winston Inc."

"While the ring mtg (mounting) was being repaired the original dia Phyllis purchased was not returned to this mtg and accidentally a different dia was put in," Vena's statement said. Belli said the original stone Vena mentioned was worth "a couple of million dollars at today's prices." He said he did not know offhand how much she paid for it.

Miss McGuire bought more than \$4 million in jewels from Winston, the suit said, and turned them over to the firm for cleaning and repairs along with more than \$5 million in other gems, it said.

"Phyllis has a diamond collection worth \$15 million and, oh, she's hurt..." Belli said. Belli said Winston agents went to her Las Vegas home twice within the last few months in response to her complaints, but refused to settle the case. In addition to the store and Vena, the suit also names as defendants Ronald Winston and Armand V. Carnevale, vice president.

The McGuire sisters trio, popular in the 1950s, has not performed in recent years but Phyllis McGuire is considering singing again, Belli said.

Surgery done in Seoul after lost fingers found

SEOUL, Feb. 23 (AP) — Doctors said Tuesday it is too soon to tell whether the case of the forgotten fingers is going to be successful, but they are hoping for the best.

Police and hospital officials said 36-year-old Soh Tai-Mo suffered the loss of a thumb and index finger Sunday while working with a fodder-chopper machine at this farm home in the southern province of Cholla Namdo. He was rushed to a provincial hospital and given first aid, they said, but was told the surgery to reconnect the severed fingers should be undertaken at Seoul National University Hospital in the South Korean capital.

The fingers were put in a small, portable ice box and Soh's family hired a taxi to take him to Seoul, police said. But when the journey was completed and the injured man entered the hospital, the ice box was left behind in the taxi.

Pentagon stresses key role

Shuttle dubbed a costly flop

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AFP) — The space shuttle may well prove a financial flop comparable with that of the Anglo-French supersonic Concorde airliner. *The Journal of Commerce* said here, citing some U.S. experts. The business daily said the experts wondered if the program would meet the declared objective: to put satellites in orbit less expensively than with the present rocket technology.

Sources close to the Pentagon said that economics were not the only factor to be taken into account when assessing the yield on this project. The role of the shuttles in the military sphere was also important.

Technically, the shuttle was a great success but it could be a highly costly one, space expert J.A. Van Allen wrote in a specialized magazine. Van Allen was the discoverer of the Van Allen radiation belt around the Earth. The shuttle program is currently three years behind the initial schedule, and has cost some \$10 billion so far.

The first shuttle *Columbia* has already been into space twice, and two more trial

flights are scheduled before July. Four shuttles, and perhaps a fifth, are planned under the program. Including all the infrastructure, the overall cost should exceed \$20 billion, according to informed sources. But some experts note that the costs are steadily rising.

Budget allocation was \$2.7 billion in 1981 and this year it will be \$3 billion. In 1983 the figure will be \$3.4 billion. Studies in 1971 showed that the program would be profitable only if the first four shuttles carry out at least 30 flights a year. But at present the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) plans only 24 missions in 1988.

Last November the second trial flight of *Columbia* was cut short due to a generator defect. NASA director James Beggs said at that time that profitability could not be guaranteed in advance. The task was to ensure that shuttles could be sent up again quickly after they return to earth. The four trial flights of *Columbia* were designed to achieve this, he said.

BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES (API) — Maureen Reagan paid her filing fee Monday to become the first official Republican Party candidate in the crowded field of politicians vying for the U.S. Senate seat to be vacated by S.I. Hayakawa. President Ronald Reagan's daughter said she plans to embark on a campaign sweep of northern and central California this week, making appearances at various functions.

PARIS (AFP) — Waiters hoping for a move from three lingering customers in a Paris restaurant Monday night got more than they bargained for when the three suddenly pulled out guns and demanded the day's takings. The gang, wielding automatic rifles, herded the staff into the cellar, finished their dinner and made off with 3,000 francs (\$500) plus the price of their meal.

NORFOLK, Virginia (AP) — The search for the British liner *Titanic*, which sank in the North Atlantic on its maiden voyage 70 years ago, should resume in the summer of 1983, an official involved in the expedition says. The multimillion-dollar search was financed and launched during the past two summers by Texas oilman Jack Grimm.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration has decided not to punish about 1,000 air traffic controllers who went on strike last year but heeded President Ronald Reagan's call to return to work. A Department of Transportation spokesman said Monday night. Originally, FAA administrator J. Lynn Helms had said in a memo to field offices that the controllers could be disciplined by suspending them for two days without pay for each work shift they missed while on strike, according to Linda Gusden, a spokeswoman for Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis.

MEXICO CITY (R) — Eight persons died when a severe hailstorm struck Mexico City Monday night, blocking the capital's most important access road, officials said Tuesday. Five of those killed were motorists trapped in a flooded underpass.

EL CENTRO, California, (AP) — A U.S. Navy Blue Angel jet crashed into the desert Monday while the team was practicing loops, killing the pilot, officials said. The accident came just a month after a similar accident killed four members of the Air Force's Thunderbirds. The Navy identified the pilot as Lt. Cmdr. Stu Powrie, 34, of Pensacola, Florida.

YOKOHAMA, Japan, (AFP) — Eight Americans, one Australian, one French national and six Japanese have been arrested here on charges of illegally possessing or smuggling marijuana in Japan, police said Tuesday.

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Political violence plaguing this Central American nation claimed the lives of at least 12 persons, including seven municipal officials, in the latest round of attacks by unknown gunmen around the country, authorities said Monday.

PARIS (AFP) — The French ambassador to Chile, Leon Bouvier, has been summoned to Paris for consultations after derogatory statements about Cuba and about French communism were attributed to him in a Santiago magazine. Bouvier, who was appointed to Santiago in December, was quoted in *Cosmos* magazine as saying that "Cuba is the least free country in Latin America." He was also quoted as saying that though he respected the beliefs of French Communists, "it would be a difficult choice the day they had to choose between the Soviet Union and France."

For border talks

Russia renews call to China

PEKING, Feb. 23 (R) — The Soviet Union has again called for resumption of border negotiations. The last round of talks in Peking in 1978 ended in failure.

In December a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman noted that the earlier talks had been unproductive and said adequate preparations should be made before they could resume.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry declined to comment on the latest Soviet proposal, which follows recent remarks by Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov favoring further talks. Diplomatic sources said the proposal reflected Soviet hopes of improving relations with China as a result of tension between Peking and Washington.

Sino-American relations have been strained since President Reagan's decision to sell F-5E fighter planes to the Republic of China. China and the United States are now holding talks on the planned sale and Secretary of State Alexander Haig has said they have reached a critical stage.

Despite the Sino-U.S. strains, few diplomats here believe there is any immediate prospect of a rapprochement between Peking and Moscow which have been engaged in a bitter war of words since 1960.

They note that Chinese attacks on "Soviet hegemonism" are as intense as ever, and few if any analysts have been able to identify a pro-Soviet faction in the Chinese leadership.

Bias against Poles, blacks

Rhodesia racist policy bared

SALISBURY, Feb. 23 (AFP) — White Rhodesia was officially prejudiced not only against blacks but against Poles and Afrikaans-speaking South Africans in the post-World War II period, according to secret cabinet papers just made public.

The papers cover the period from 1925, shortly after then-Southern Rhodesia became a self-governing colony of Britain, to 1951. However, cabinet memorandums — the most revealing of the documents — were preserved only between 1948 and 1951, according to the Zimbabwean news agency ZIANA which made a search of the records Monday after they were declared public.

One memorandum, from October 1948, quotes from a letter sent by the Southern Rhodesian minister of justice to the International Refugee Organization (IRO) resisting attempts to have the Salisbury government accept Polish refugees. The letter said Poles already in the colony were working for low wages because "they are not fitted to do work of a higher standard than that usually performed by the indigenous African."

"It is absolutely essential...that the social difference between black and white should be maintained and that there should be no cohabitation between the two races," the memo said. "The Poles, in view of their general standard of life, were unable to appreciate this distinction."

Another cabinet memorandum in January 1951 suggested measures be taken to reduce South African immigration and promote immigration from Britain. In February, a memo from Internal Affairs Minister J.M. Greenfield was submitted to cabinet about employment of Afrikaners in the civil service. It said the Public Services Board had given preference to local or overseas applications and in some cases had refused to recommend Afrikaner immigrants even where other applications were less qualified.

ZIANA said reasons for the bias against Afrikaners seemed to have included "concern about their loyalty to the British empire

and the government's commitment to upholding English as the only official language." The memo agency said during the period under study, Sir Godfrey Huggins was prime minister and the cabinet has seven members.

It was the first time cabinet papers had been released in this country, although documents from before 1923, when Cecil Rhodes' British South Africa Company was the administration, are public record.

Peru's women protest Miss Universe contest

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 23 (AP) — Twelve Peruvian women's organizations have sent an open letter to President Fernando Belaunde Terry voicing opposition to holding the 1982 Miss Universe beauty contest here in June. The women said the contest would be "an insult to the dignity of Peruvian women, as it will give false hopes to our children and use women for the enrichment of certain groups."

Organizers of the beauty contest recently announced the selection of Lima for the event, which will last over three and a half weeks and culminate in the selection and crowning of Miss Universe on June 26. The organizers of the contest said the selection of Peru marks the first time a South American country has been chosen to host the event. Contestants from 85 countries are expected to participate.

"The realization of the 'Miss Peru' and later 'Miss Universe' contests will represent an ostentatious spending of money and a luxury at odds with the austerity preached by the government," the letter said. "It will be impossible to separate the 'private initiative' from an official celebration by the government as surely the contestants will be dined by the officials involved."

The women also said they objected to the use of Peruvian women to promote tourism.

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To restructure economy

Belgian devaluation said a stop-gap step

PARIS, Feb. 23 (AFP) — The 8.5 percent devaluation of the Belgian franc within the European Monetary System (EMS) Monday gives Belgium no more than a breathing space to restructure its economy, observers said here Tuesday. And it will also test the strength of the EMS, which is threatened by the perpetual big differences between the inflation rates and trade and budget deficits of its members.

The devaluation is aimed firstly at adjusting the parity of the Belgian franc to put an end to the currency supporting operations that last year cost the Belgian National Bank nearly a billion dollars. Belgium also hopes that it will help the government's economic recovery program, since the immediate principal effect will be to boost the competitiveness of Belgian exports and make imports more expensive.

Although this means a cut in imports, it

East bloc market seen shrinking

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 22 (AP-DJ) — Economic developments in Poland and other East bloc countries will make it increasingly hard for exporters to just retain their markets in that part of the world, a leading Danish banker warned Monday.

"The question is... whether firms active in these markets will have to face the fact that efforts must be concentrated on other markets for at least a number of years, said Torben Jantzen of Den Danske Bank's foreign department.

Writing in the bank's monthly Information Bulletin, Jantzen said the whole concept of the creditworthiness of the Comecon countries is undergoing a revision, with western banks increasingly reluctant to put up guarantees for exports to these countries, possibly excepting the Soviet Union.

U.N. study group set to visit China

HONG KONG, Feb. 23 (AFP) — Executive secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Shamsuo Kibria, Tuesday said the U.N. Economic Commission from Africa, Latin America, Europe and West Asia would send a joint commission to China this spring to look into rural development.

Kibria, a former Bangladesh foreign minister, arrived here Monday on a two-day official visit from China where he met Premier Zhao Ziyang and Foreign Minister Huang Hua.

could also spell trouble — a jump in the long-term national import bill if Brussels fails to keep price of domestic production below that of imported competition. Belgium needed the devaluation to give it breathing space to restructure its trade imbalance and its ailing coal and steel industries and to fight a 12 percent unemployment rate — the highest in Europe.

The biggest immediate loser from the devaluation of the Belgian franc is West Germany as it is Belgium's biggest trading partner. France is affected much less, since its currency was devalued 3 percent in October within the EMS — giving the Belgian franc only an effective 5.5 percent devaluation against the French franc. Nevertheless, it was France that was most vociferous against Belgium's request for 12 percent devaluation. French Economics and Finance Minister Delors insisted that such a devaluation would mean an effective dumping of Belgian exports on the European markets.

In Brussels, meanwhile, Belgian share prices rallied Monday in response to a government economic recovery plan which included devaluation of the Belgian franc, but Socialist politicians said it would hit workers' pockets too hard.

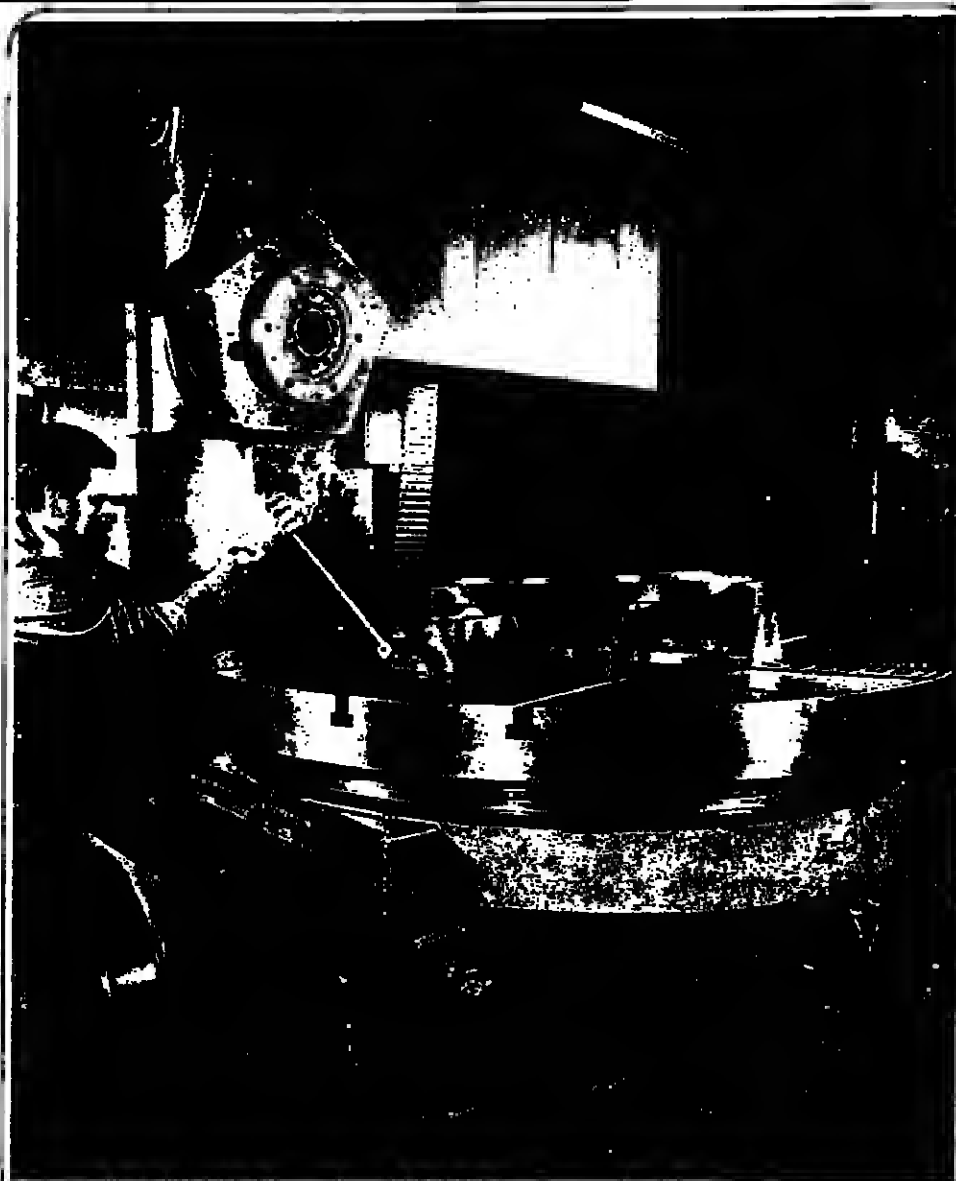
Prime Minister Wilfried Martens, whose center-right coalition government is pledged to rein in Belgium's huge budget deficit and external debt, Sunday announced a temporary wage and price freeze, a job creation scheme and various investment incentives. Martens has headed four previous coalitions which failed to stop Belgium's public finances and balance of payments from deteriorating.

Governing for the first time without Socialists in his coalition, Martens had pressed the EEC for a double-digit devaluation to make Belgian exports more competitive. The president of the powerful French-speaking Socialist Party, Guy Spitaels, condemned the devaluation saying dearer imports would aggravate the fall in living standards caused by the government's plan to make wages rise more slowly than inflation.

Belgian newspapers had mixed views on the government's plans. The Flemish-language paper *Het Laatste Nieuws* said the devaluation should shock Belgians into realizing they could not continue traditional policies which it said produced ever-spiralling debt.

A columnist in the left-wing paper *De Morgen* said the changes to wage indexation were even worse than expected because the government had dropped a promise to limit the fall in real wages to not more than three percent.

The retiring governor of the Belgian National Bank, Cecil De Strycker, told the bank's annual meeting Monday that the government had not consulted him about the devaluation. De Strycker has been an outspoken opponent of a devaluation. His successor, Jean Godeaux, said last week that such a step would have pernicious effects on the economy.



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Facing grim outlook

American stock prices dip

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (R) — The Wall Street stock market closed at its lowest level since May 1980 and share analysts attributed the slide to a worsening U.S. economic outlook.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose almost nine points in the first hour of trading on hopes of declining interest rates, but lost ground the rest of the day to finish 13 points down at 811.26, its lowest close since May 12, 1980.

Larry Wachtel, an analyst with the Bache Securities house said the news that Iran cut its oil prices by \$2 a barrel contributed to the decline. But the continued pressures of a weak economy and lower company profits were the main reasons for the setback.

Michael Metz of Oppenheims attributed the fall to a shift in investment strategy by the large institutions out of stocks and into the U.S. bond market, which rallied Monday. "The institutions are throwing in the towel on the stock market until they see some real movement in interest rates," Metz said.

another development, three small U.S. banks Monday lowered their prime lending rate by half a point to 16.5 percent, signalling that high U.S. interest rates, which have come under fire from America's trading partners, might begin a general decline.

The cuts were announced by Southwest Bank of St. Louis, which often points the way in interest rate trends, Ameritrust Company, Ohio's largest bank, and UMB Bank and Trust Company in New York, subsidiary of United Mizrahi Bank.

The moves followed last Friday's report by the U.S. central bank of a larger than expected drop of \$3.1 billion in the amount of money circulating in the economy, triggering speculation that pressure on interest rates would lessen.

However, L.A. Long, chairman and chief executive officer at Southwest Bank, said his board's decision to reduce the prime, the base rate on bank loans to businesses, reflected lower short-term rates rather than the decline in the money supply.

By Japanese tycoon

\$15b aid U.S. plan unveiled

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AFP) — Japanese-American businessman Kay Sugahara Monday kept up an air of mystery when he unveiled his unprecedented proposal for a "partnership for prosperity fund" under which Japanese companies would finance job-creating projects in the United States.

The 72-year-old shipping magnate told the National Governors Association that he would seek a consensus in Japanese business and government circles for investments in the United States worth possibly \$5, \$10 or \$15 billion.

The plan, which in the United States has the backing of Florida Governor Bob Graham, has been received with some perplexity in administration circles. Officials say that no communication has been received from the Japanese government on this subject.

Sugahara said that he had the backing of 25 Japanese "big guys", some of prominent government officials and former Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda. Asked at a press conference where the Japanese funds would come from, he said: "If I am successful with the Japanese it is because I maintain security."

Sugahara asked the governors to provide him by March 25 with a list of investments which could be financed to a great extent by Japanese capital. Sugahara suggested that these investments could include the improvement of port facilities and high-speed rail links. He said the plan was not to give money away but to finance worthwhile investments at a favorable rate of interest.

Graham said that the project would increase the use of Japanese technology in the United States and improve bilateral trade. The port facilities concerned would be located on the West Coast for the export of coal or in Graham's own state of Florida which exports part of its production of citrus fruits to Japan. The high-speed trains would be of Japanese design.

The project would be coordinated by the U.S.-Japan institute, presided over by Sugahara, and by the National Governors Association. Referring to the Reagan administration's new federalism policy, Sugahara told the governors: "The Washington free service

station is about to close just when a multi-billion dollars jumper cable is needed to spark the economic engine in the 55 states and territories."

Graham said that it was a "very exciting project that is in its initial phase". The Florida governor said that Sugahara's proposal was in the American tradition regarding investments and recalled that the American railroad network was financed in the 19th century by European capital.

American administration sources have been hesitant over what attitude to adopt toward the Sugahara project. William Brock, special representative of the U.S. government for trade, left the conference room before the end of Sugahara's speech.

David Demorest, spokesman for Brock said that administration knew nothing about the origin of the Japanese capital. Brock was scheduled to meet with Sugahara Tuesday.

The administrations official stand is that the project must not distract from the fundamental problem of the lack of access for American goods on the Japanese market.

However, officials said, "If it is a first step toward an increase in the flow of capital between Japan and the U.S., then it is a positive step."

U.K. plans trade talks with India

LONDON, Feb. 23 (AFP) — A full-day conference on trade with India will be held in London on March 24, coinciding with the visit here of Indian Premier Indira Gandhi. It will be opened by John Biffen, secretary of state for trade.

The conference, "the Indo-British business opportunities" is sponsored by the British and South Asian Trade Association (BAS-ATA), part of the British Overseas Trade Board (BOTB). Its aim is to provide British industrialists with details of the Indian business scene and guidance on the best way to penetrate the market.

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At Third World conference

Ensure food supply, Dacca says

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23 (AFP) — Bangladesh and India Tuesday appealed for urgent international efforts to establish food security on a reliable basis at the conference of 44 developing nations here.

Bangladesh Foreign Secretary H.R. Chowdhury told delegates that a proposed four percent growth rate in food output should be achieved by substantially increasing investments and the flow of external resources to accelerate food production in the developing world.

Noting that food prices had doubled and freight rates had quadrupled in the last 10 years, Chowdhury suggested that external assistance should be raised to \$16.8 billion from the 1977 level of \$4.4 billion in grants, subsidies and loans.

Stressing the urgency of the problem, he pointed out that out of the 105 million children likely to be born in 1982, 12 million would be dead by this time next year and another five million by their fifth birthday. He added that 500 million people in Asia, Africa and Latin America suffered severe under-nourishment, while 800 million lived below the poverty line.

The Bangladesh delegate called for

balance-of-payment help to areas where food was scarce to enable countries to meet food import costs. He also asked that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) food financial facility be made more flexible.

India's Ramesh Bhandari suggested that each country should draw up a detailed list of its food needs by the end of the century, and on the basis of this list a balance sheet of supply and demand should be worked out to frame short-term and long-term strategies to meet the gap.

A conference spokesman said general agreement was emerging among the delegates, on the second day of the three-day meeting, to give top priority to help food output and to the food security program.

A consensus also appeared likely following discussion on South-South cooperation Tuesday morning on the Indian suggestion on multilateral agreement for a financial facility with the initial capital of \$15 million to \$20 million to provide assistance for technical consultancy services. India felt that the facility would become largely self-financing on the basis of fees or services rendered, the spokesman said.

The Indian suggestion was likely to be re-

commended by the conference to the group of 77 in New York for detailed examination, the spokesman said. During the general debate, speakers from Vietnam and Cuba blamed the industrialized West, especially the United States, for the economic difficulties faced by the developing countries.

Vietnamese Deputy Foreign Minister Hoang Bich Son said the United States attempted to solve its problem of stagflation by transferring problems to the South and insisted on global negotiations to solve the economic crisis.

Cuba's vice-minister, Dr. Pelegrin Torres, also said that the crisis had been transferred to the Third World by the "imperialist industrialized world through coercion by the U.S. and others in the fields of food, energy and funds." He said it was important that the developing countries should not be tempted to accept partial negotiations.

Others who took part in the general debate included Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Kenya, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Uruguay. Delegates from Mexico, Nepal and Sri Lanka also spoke in committee sessions on the agenda item of energy.

suffering from malnutrition in the world, up from 300 million 20 years ago, such efforts are clearly only a drop in the ocean. In addition, EEC aid officials say, food aid often defeats itself by discouraging farmers in developing countries from producing their own food.

So Pisaní is proposing to devote more money and effort to fighting hunger, and in particular to helping Third World states help themselves. Handouts of food such as a current emergency operation to send \$40 million worth of cereals to the 31 poorest countries are essential in the short term, he says, but they should not be seen as an end in themselves.

"We are working to create a situation where food aid would become superfluous other than in exceptional circumstances," he told journalists recently.

KUALA LUMPUR, (AP) — Malaysia and Sri Lanka are studying the possibility of having an investment protection and promotion agreement, visiting Sri Lankan Finance Minister Ronnie de Mel told a press conference here Tuesday. Both countries are also discussing the possibility of updating the existing avoidance of double-taxation agreement, he added after a briefing and talks with Malaysian finance ministry officials.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Inflation in India has been arrested by fiscal policies, monetary control and commodity management, Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee told Parliament here Tuesday. He said that the inflation rate for the week ending Feb. 6 had dropped to 4.1 percent against 15.7 percent during the same period last year, and to 16.7 percent for 1980/81 against 21.4 percent the year before.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — Czechoslovakia will double its oil purchases from Iran in the year starting March 1982 to 500,000 tons, Tehran radio reported Tuesday. The oil will be at the official rate set by Iran. At the same time, Iran will import industrial and other goods from Czechoslovakia, under the terms of an agreement signed Monday.

MOSCOW, (AFP) — A team of British oil, gas, engineering and chemistry experts arrived here for talks on the development of

Joblessness in Britain drops slightly

LONDON, Feb. 23, (R) — Unemployment in Britain fell this month, the government announced Tuesday, but despite the news there were renewed calls for reflationary measures to boost the economy and create jobs in next month's annual budget.

The drop of 25,743 to 3,044,878 trimmed the gross jobless rate from 12.7 percent to 12.6 percent of the national workforce.

But excluding young people leaving school to seek work for the first time and after seasonal adjustment, the jobless figure rose by 7,100 to 2,836,000. One year ago the number out of work was 2,463,000, or 10.2 percent of the workforce.

It topped the three million mark last month for the first time — a figure higher than during the 1930s depression.

The opposition Labor Party and the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), the country's leading employers' organization, both expressed grave concern at the latest figures, and called for measures to create jobs in the budget due March 9.

France may hike coal production

PARIS, Feb. 23 (AFP) — France could boost its coal output from 20 to 30 million tons a year by 1990, new national coal chief Georges Valbon said here Tuesday.

Valbon, a member of France's Communist Party central committee, congratulated the government on its recovery program for the industry, which involves better techniques, research, and working conditions for the country's 60,000 coal miners.

Coal production edged up nearly 500,000 tons last year to 20,170,000 tons. State aid for the industry this year will jump more than \$160 million to \$260 million.

The industry currently suffers from high production costs — coal imports cost 48 francs (about \$8) a kilo thermal unit compared to a local production cost of 71.60 francs (about \$9).

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hilateral contacts, the Soviet news agency Tass reported. It said the delegation, representing the Trade Council for Economic Development of northern England, also included specialists in pharmacy, machine tools, road construction equipment and textile machines.

PARIS, (AFP) — The French firm Cit-Alcatel has reached an "advanced stage" in talks with East Germany toward a multi-million dollar deal to provide it with telephones exchanges that Berlin plans to use as prototypes for exchanges to re-export to other eastern bloc countries, Cit-Alcatel sources said here Tuesday.

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — The 10 European Economic Community (EEC) foreign ministers Tuesday decided to freeze their \$9 million development grant this year to Angola and Mozambique, the only two black African countries not party to the Lome convention. Informed sources said opposition to the grant came particularly from West Germany, which attacked the two countries for not wanting to sign the second Lome convention.

LONDON, (AFP) — The Korean Broadcasting System (KBS) has given a \$20 million order for television transmission equipment to a British subsidiary of the Dutch Philips group. It is the first major order to be placed by KBS outside Japan.

Dollar firms as gold slumps

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 — The dollar was generally firmer on the European markets Tuesday but Eurodollar deposit rates continued to remain weak with money market dealers reporting that the trend was for lowering of rates further.

The New York bourses remained just as nervous as the European bourses with the only news to come out being that two small U.S. commercial banks had cut their prime rate to 16½ percent from 17 percent. Federal Reserve "Fed funds" rates were also weak at 12½ - 13½ percent levels compared with 15 percent levels last week. In the United States an administration spokesman optimistically announced that U.S. prime rates will soon begin to fall below the 17 percent level again.

In the bullion markets, gold and silver fell to new record levels, with gold trading at \$358 per ounce in London — a two and a half year low. Silver also fell back heavily to trade at \$7.90 compared with \$8.05 Monday.

In the local markets, rial deposit levels continued to ease but there was a slight rally by late afternoon trading, taking the overnight JIBOR bid-offer rates to 12½ - 13½ percent from 12½ - 13½ percent on opening. Movements in rates were generally negligible for such a market and dealers were expecting rial rates to fall back even more on Wednesday.

In the European markets, Eurodollar deposit rates were stable after they had recorded further falls in the New York markets Monday night. One-month Eurodollar deposit levels were traded at 14½ - 14½ percent — falling below the 15 percent level for the past week. The one-year rate was similarly weaker at 15 - 15½ percent compared with 16 5/16 - 16 7/16 percent one week ago.

In the exchange markets, the dollar managed to maintain its strength against several key currencies but profit-taking helped the dollar. The British pound was affected by lower oil prices and lost two cents to trade at 1.8305 from 1.8610 levels. The French franc slid back over the 6.00 level to trade at 6.02 compared with a stronger opening level of 5.9870 earlier in the day. As for the German mark, that currency was also weaker at 2.3605 from 2.3580 opening levels.

In the local markets, spot rial/dollar rates opened at 3.4205-08 levels, but later fell back to 3.41-95-05 as the dollar eased back in the money markets. Some late commercial purchases and inter-bank deals firmed the rate to 3.4202-10 but volume of transactions was reported as low. In the money markets, rial rates were also fluctuating, but rates tended to be weak on the whole despite a rally in short-term deposits. Week fixed was dealt at 12½-13 percent from opening levels of 12-12½ percent while the one-year was still stable at 13½ - 14 percent. Few institutions were willing to deal in such long periods however, according to Jeddah bankers.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	360.62
Paris	362.39
Frankfurt	361.99
Zurich	360.50
Hong Kong	364.48

Greenland goes to poll on EEC issue

NUUK, Greenland, Feb. 23 (AFP) — Greenlanders were Tuesday expected to become the first member of the European Common Market to vote to leave the 10-nation community. The 50,000 inhabitants of the world's largest island are voting in a referendum on continued membership of the European Economic Community (EEC), with the local government's call for a "no" expected to be accepted.

Greenland, which is constitutionally a region of Denmark, joined the community along with Denmark on Jan. 1, 1973, although it had voted by 70 percent against membership. In 1979 the island attained internal autonomy, allowing it once again to vote on the EEC question.

Polling officials said voters' views during the sharply-contested referendum campaign indicated a high turnout and a close result, with an edge to the anti-marketters.

Fish and the economy were the over-riding issues in the referendum run-up. Greenland's economy is almost entirely dependent on Denmark, while fish accounts for about 55 percent of the island's exports.

U.S. GNP falls by 4.7 percent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AFP) — The American gross national product (GNP) fell 4.7 percent at an annual rate in real terms during the final quarter of last year, the Commerce Department said.

This fall compared with a 1.4 percent increase in the previous quarter. An earlier final quarter estimate indicated a 5.2 percent drop and the department explained that it had initially under-estimated government's more especially in the military sphere.

The forecast for the present quarter is that another comparable fall will occur. However, an upturn is expected in the second quarter.

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Bangladesh Taka	—	15.40
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—
Canadian Dollar	—	281.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	144.95	144.85
Deutch Gulder (100)	132.00	132.21
Egyptian Pound	3.49	3.52
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.10	93.15
French Franc (100)	57.00	56.90
Greek Drachma (1,000)	56.20	56.08
Indian Rupee (100)	—	36.95
Israeli Lira (1,000)	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	27.15	27.10
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	14.65
Jordanian Dinar	9.92	9.91
Kuwait Dinar	12.05	12.03
Lebanese Lira (100)	71.10	71.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	58.50	60.55
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	31.75
Philippines Peso (100)	—	41.65
Round Sterling	6.35	6.29
Qatari Riyal (100)	93.90	94.00
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	162.70
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	33.55	33.50
Swiss Franc (100)	182.75	182.70
Syrian Lira (100)	58.00	63.50
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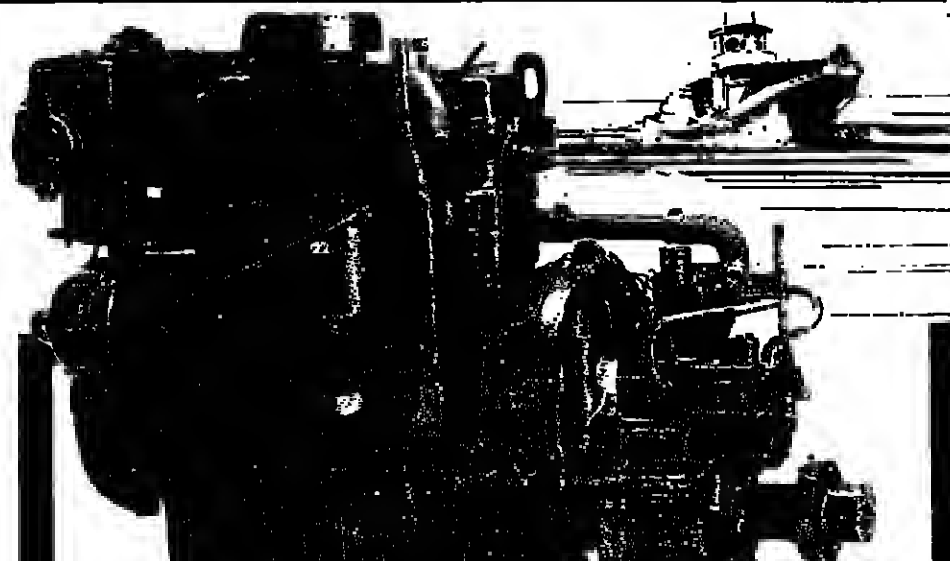
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Billie Jean stretches Ruzici

OAKLAND, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — Virginia Ruzici staged a strong rally to oust Billie Jean King 6-7, 6-2, 6-3 Monday night in the opening round of the \$150,000 Avon Championships of California.

The eighth-seeded Romanian wore down King with steady play featuring many strong passing shots. The unseeded King led in the initial stages of the second set but Virginia recovered quickly to clinch the set. King could take only three games in the deciding set and faded out. Andrea Jaeger, coming off a two-week break from competition, won her first round over Barbara Jordan 6-0, 6-1. While Australian Wendy Turnbull beat Brazilian Pat Medrado 6-3, 6-1.

In other first round action, American Ann Kiyomura defeated Kim Sands 6-4, 6-3. Kate Latham bested Sandy Collins 6-1, 6-1, and Sabina Simmonds of Italy prevailed over Pam Casale 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Meanwhile, Yannick Noah, who brought Ivan Lendl's lengthy winning run to an end in the final of the Palm Springs Tournament at the weekend, heads the French side for their Davis Cup first round match against Argentina at Buenos Aires from March 4-6.



BELEATED CHARGE: Manchester City's Tommy Caton makes a beleated charge in a bid to thwart Tottenham Hotspurs' Garth Crooks (right) in a First Division clash Saturday. Spurs won 2-0.

Arabian Eagles grabs exciting win to finish on top

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, Feb. 23 — Form ran true on most cases as fancied teams finished at the top after the completion of the league engagements in the three pools of the Eastern Province Cricket League last weekend.

Except in Pool 'B', the tussle for the other two pool pennants was never in sight. Both Arabian Eagles, in Pool 'C', and Karachi Gymkhana, in Pool 'A', had gone on from strength to strength in their league encounters to finish with a clean record. Though an abandoned game of Karachi Gymkhana proved decisive in Arabian Eagles taking the overall honors with a tally of 104 points. Karachi Gymkhana had 101 points.

The Pool 'B' winner was decided only after the final match of the pool was won. And UPMSSF's convincing victory over Petromin saw the former wrest the pool title from the latter, which was badly affected by the absence of prolific scorer Khalid Nabi. The victory gave UPMSSF a 13-win-one-loss record and a harvest of 88 points to see it through to the third place overall, behind Karachi Gymkhana.

Except for the Arabian Gulf-Arabian Eagles' encounter — at Dammam, which produced big scores, all other encounters fizzled out into one-sided matches with low scores being predominant. The Eagles, set a tall

order in its return engagement, repeated the triumph over Arabian Gulf, and in style.

Arabian Gulf, making the first use of the strip, was set on the road to a huge total by Sajjad Shah (75), Sikander Farooqui (59) and Shakhil (49), with many small contributions bolstering the innings and enabling the Arabian Gulf tally 249 for four wickets in its 30 overs. But the Eagles, with 13 straight success behind them, were not daunted. The chase began in earnest right from the offset and when M.A. Shoaib and Hassan Ali (42) struck a beautiful early partnership and the later batsmen did justice to the bright start by seeing the Eagles bypass the target with two overs and six wickets to spare.

Petromin felt the absence of its ebullient batsman Khalid Nabi. And its progress, in its allotted overs, showed it. Petromin could muster only 136 for nine wickets with Iqbal Merchant (44) and Salman Hamid (31) being responsible for Petromin's modicum of respectability. But the task set for UPMSSF was too easy, as UPM later demonstrated. The total was passed in 17 overs with Waseem Muhammad (53) being the main contributor.

Azhar Ali's all-round effort was the moot point of Karachi Gymkhana's close three-wicket verdict over Young Friends' Cricket Club (YFCC). Batting first, YFCC struggled to a mere 125 in 26 overs with Arif Gul (4 for 23) and Azhar Ali (3 for 33) striking telling

blows. But Karachi Gymkhana did not have it easy. And only resolute batting by Aftab Ahmed (58 n.o.) and a bold 30 by Azhar Ali gave the Gymkhana innings resilience.

The EPCL will conduct the knockout phase from March 5 with the top 16 teams drawn against each other in the First Division and the remaining teams in the second Division.

BRIEF SCORES:

Arabian Gulf 249 for 4 wickets, in 30 overs (Sajjad Shah 75, Sikander Farooqui 59, Shakhil 49, Misbah Siddiqui 25; Humayun Iqbal 2 for 58) lost to Arabian Eagles 250 for 4 in 28 overs (M.A. Shoaib 87, Hassan Ali 42, Sami 33 n.o., Humayun 28, Ghulam Shahir 22; Shakhil 2 for 66, Jan 2 for 56).

Petromin CC 136 for 9 wickets, in 30 overs (Iqbal Merchant 44, Salman Hamid 31, Saeed Merchant 18 n.o.; Afzal 4 for 25, Arif 3 for 21) lost to UPMSSF 139 for 4 wickets, in 17 overs (Waseem 53, Dr. Beg 30, Arif 20 n.o.).

YFCC 125 in 26 overs (Naeem Ahmed 29 n.o., Anwar Haider 21, Arif Gul 4 for 23, Azhar Ali 3 for 33) lost to Karachi Gymkhana CC 126 for 7 wickets, in 21 overs (Aftab Ahmed 58 n.o., Azhar Ali 30; D.I. Ghazali 3 for 50, Syed Iqbal 2 for 27).

Flour Arabia 85 in 19 overs (Jamsbed Mir 44, Salman Shakir 18; Ejaz Ahmad 3 for 14, Shahbaz 3 for 13, Mushtaq 3 for 31) lost to

Abahsain GCC 88 for no loss in 7.5 overs (Shahbaz 52 n.o., Ahmad Warris 29 n.o.).

Aramco-Abqaiq CC 189 for 4 wickets, in 30 overs (Saquib Ansari 77 n.o., Amin 72, Raja 25 n.o.; Arif 2 for 42, Shafiq 2 for 40) beat Pepsi 143 in 22.2 overs (Farhat Waheed 75, Arif 18; Amin 3 for 16, Maqsood 3 for 12, Saquib 2 for 30).

Bechtel Jubail Cricket Club 192 for 8 wickets, in 30 overs (Sami Ahmed 81 n.o., E. Hudson 34, M. Holmes 22; Wajid Tanweer 2 for 15, Shankar 2 for 21, Muzammil 2 for 13) beat Sulex CC 158 for 5 wickets, in 30 overs (Salim Haider 92 n.o., Wajid Tanweer 32, Alan Morton 2 for 40).

Saudia (EP) CC 48 in 14.4 overs (Khamid 10, Arif Dar 11; Shahab Siddiqui 5 for 8, Marikar 2 for 14) lost to Juwaymah-RT CC 50 for 2 wickets, in 9 overs (Shahab Siddiqui 25 n.o., Marikar 14 n.o.).

Al-Quraysh CC 67 in 22.6 overs (Agha Nadeem 25, Altamash Haider 12; Salahuddin 4 for 3, P. Skelton 2 for 5, Kalim 2 for 4, Ifthikar 2 for 22) lost to BAC CC 69 for no loss in 6.3 overs (Peiris 29 n.o., M. Bhajji 38 n.o.).

Germans take on Kuwait in opener

BONN, Feb. 23, (Agencies) — The men's World Handball Championship, involving 54 games in 29 venues, opens in Essen with titleholders West Germany taking on, newcomers Kuwait.

The Soviet Union and Olympic champions East Germany are the two most fancied nations taking part in the 13-day tournament.

Sixteen teams, in four groups, compete in the preliminary round, with the top three from Group "A" qualifying to meet the leading trio from Group "B" and those from Group "C" playing the Group "D" qualifiers. Progressive playoffs will culminate in the final in Dortmund on March 7.

The Soviet squad has the best overall tournament record but went down twice by a single point in the finals of last year's world championship and 1980 Olympics. Meanwhile, invitations for the fifth World Women's Softball Championships in Taiwan have been delivered to an officer of the International Softball Federation in Oklahoma City — and the invitations include one for China.

"The invitations were brought (Monday) by Tom Shieh, a representative of the Chinese Taipei Softball Association," said Don Porter, the ISF's secretary general. He said Shieh went on to Washington and would return Friday "and we will mail out the invitations then." The tournament will be July 12-11 in Taipei, Taiwan.

In World Cup warm-up tie Spain may miss Zamora

VALENCIA, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — The eyes of the soccer world will be focused on Valencia Wednesday night when Spain meet Scotland in a World Cup warm-up soccer international, kick-off 1930 GMT.

As hosts, Spain will be one of the World Cup favorites and rivals will be eager to gauge their current form in the Luis Casanova stadium where they will play their three preliminary Group Five matches in June against Yugoslavia, Northern Ireland and Honduras.

It will also be an important match for the Spanish police. Although only about 200 Scottish fans are expected to travel, the police will use the occasion to rehearse some of their security plans for the finals.

A clutch of managers will be in attendance, but they are unlikely to learn too much about either side, both of whom will be understrength. Jesus Zamora, who is expected to be one of the outstanding personalities of the World Cup, suffered a leg injury in a league match against Barcelona earlier this month and will be missing from the Spanish midfield.

Scotland manager Jock Stein has also had to reshuffle his side after wingers John Robertson of Nottingham Forest and Glasgow Rangers' Davis Cooper withdrew at the weekend. Stein has been forced to field a 4-4-2 formation, using Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish and Alan Brazil of Ipswich as his front-runners.

Brazil lived up to his nickname of 'Pele' last week by scoring six goals in two English league games in the space of 72 hours. But Scot-

land, who meet Brazil, Soviet Union and New Zealand in Group Six in Malaga and Seville in the finals, will not be dependent on just its strikers for goals.

Midfielders John Wark of Ipswich and Liverpool captain Graeme Souness form a deadly back-up force. Stein is looking to Wark, in particular, to break down the Spanish defense. "I expect Kenny Dalglish to come in for special attention and this could be to Wark's advantage if he can make use of the space available to him," said Stein.

The Spanish forward line will be led by the veteran Barcelona striker Quini, now fully recovered from his kidnapping ordeal last year.

South Korea held

Meanwhile, South Korea and Yugoslavia drew 1-1 in the league match Tuesday on the eighth day of the Jawaharlal Nehru Gold Cup International Soccer Championship Tournament in Calcutta.

Yugoslavia, which lost to Uruguay and China earlier, scored the equalizer in the 54th minute after trailing 0-1 at half-time. South Korea surged into the lead in the seventh minute through a deft goal by left-winger Jung Hae Hon. The Yugoslav goal was scored by right-half Cebal.

The Yugoslavs put up a good show Tuesday and could have clinched the match but for their poor shooting. They missed several scoring opportunities. The 17-day, six-nation tournament, named after India's first prime minister, began Feb. 16.

Gretzky poised for double

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 — In the lone National Hockey League action Monday night Minnesota scraped past Hartford 8-7, but the talking point of the night was the performance Sunday by Edmonton Oilers' Wayne Gretzky.

Wayne Gretzky has a chance to set a goal-scoring record that only Wayne Gretzky may have a chance to break. Gretzky has 17 more games, harrising any injuries, in which to break Phil Esposito's NHL record for goals and in which to reach the unthinkable plateau of 100 goals and 200 points in a season.

The 21-year-old wonder tied Esposito, who watched him do it, by scoring his 76th goal of the season in the Edmonton Oilers' 7-3 romp over the Detroit Red Wings. The four assists Gretzky recorded with typical ease topped his point total to 171 — some 60 percent more points than his closest pursuer, Mike Bossy of the New York Islanders.

"The only one who can compare with him is Bobby Orr," Esposito said. "I played with Orr for nine years. He had an awful lot of talent." Esposito has no regrets about the

record he established with Boston during the 1970-71 season falling to Gretzky.

"It's great for the game of hockey," Esposito said at a joint post-game press conference with Gretzky. "That's what it's all about. Records are meant to be broken. I wanted to be here. I would have been here even if (NHL president) John (Ziegler) hadn't asked me." Esposito said. "When I scored by 59th and 60th goals to break Bobby Hull's record, I wished Bobby could have been there."

He's a friend of mine and he was still playing at the time. But I still wish he could have been there. I was coming here no matter what," Esposito said. "Everybody has their own opinions, of course," said Gretzky. "I grew up watching Phil and Bobby. But in hockey and life, everything changes. The game was probably so much different when Phil played. It was a much more defensive game. I agree," said the right wing, who wears number 99 because he wanted to wear a "9" like his diols, Gordie Howe and Hull, but felt at the start of his career he had not earned the right.

Williams car set for display

By Kay Hardy Campbell

AL-KHOBAR, Feb. 23 — Through Feb. 26, the Saudia Williams Formula One racing car will be on display at the third annual motor show at Al-Khobar's Aljassabi Hotel.

The car, sponsored by several Saudi Arabian sponsors, including Saudia Airlines, was brought to be shown in the Kingdom's three motor shows in Jeddah, Riyadh and Al-Khobar. Mike Mighall from the test and development team of the Saudia Williams racing team brought the car into the Kingdom.

Frank Williams, who heads up the racing team, expressed the team's wishes to thank their sponsors by sending the car out to the Kingdom for everyone to have an opportunity to view it.

Since 1978, the Saudia Williams racing team has clinched several prestigious World racing titles, such as the 1980 World Drivers Championship. The championship is based

on a circuit of world wide Grand Prix, with the best performer in all races winning the sought after award.

The racing team's principle drivers are Carlos Reutemann, of Argentina, and Keke Rosberg of Finland. In the first Grand Prix so far this year, Reutemann placed second, Keke fifth. Next on the agenda for the racing team is the South American tour, with a major event in Brazil coming up shortly.

The racing team has three cars racing, with two or three in research and development. The racing team, based in Oxfordshire, employs about 90 people. The racing cars, which get about 5 miles to the gallon, go through an average of 48 tires per Grand Prix. At \$1,300 per tire, the expenses for running such automobiles and the backup infrastructure have proven to be quite high. But Saudia and the other sponsors have provided the support that has made the Saudia Williams racing team a winning team.

France makes two changes

TOULOUSE, Feb. 23 (AFP) — France recalled two of the players discarded after the match against Wales for the five nations Rugby Union Tournament match against Scotland at Murrayfield Park, Edinburgh March 6.

Prop forward Michel Cremachi and Daniel Revailler were dropped for giving away too many penalties against the Welsh, but their extra weight in the scrum have earned them a recall following the French pack's difficulties in the 15-27 defeat by England at Paris Saturday.

Cremachi, the 16 stone Lourdes prop, comes in ahead of former vice-captain Rob-

ert Paparemborde for Jean-Paul Wolff at loose head with Revailler, who weighs in at just under 18 stone replacing Manuel Carpentier in the second row.

Carpentier is moved to his more usual position of lock with Jean-Luc Loinel switching to wing forward to replace the dropped Eric Buchet.

The French selectors hope that the latest pack combination will give a side which can hold its own at the lineouts and yet be solid enough to avoid the sort of pressure they experienced in the fight against England. The French backs remain unchanged for the second time in the hope that their speed and enterprise can bring France success after two successive defeats this year.

Meanwhile, England's rugby union squad are to receive an official warning after a number of players were involved in incidents at a banquet in Paris following the team's victory over France Saturday.

Budge Rogers, chairman of the England selectors, Monday mailed letters to all members of the squad warning of the consequences of a repeat of the rowdy behavior. No further disciplinary action is planned.

David Brooks, chairman of the English Rugby Union, said: "There can be no excuse for rowdy behavior, but I think things have been exaggerated somewhat."

Julio Mazzei named Cosmos head coach

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP) — The Cosmos named professor Julio Mazzei interim head coach Monday and the North American Soccer League club resigned Brazilian soccer star Carlos Alberto.

Mazzei replaces Hennes Weisweiler, who was fired 10 days ago. Mazzei harshly criticized Weisweiler for both his coaching tactics and lack of communication with his players and the local soccer community.

"We are dealing with human beings. We are not horse trainers. That is the beauty of coaching, dealing with human beings," said Mazzei, who was warmly congratulated over the telephone by Alberto and Pele, who were in Rio De Janeiro for the annual carnival. The professor said Weisweiler's style produced a mechanical and boring game.

Khan's effort proves in vain for Indians

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 — Indian Blues' Khan bowled his heart out. But his fine effort proved in vain as his side went down battling to leaders Shalimar in the Alireza Cricket League last weekend.

Khan had Shalimar in trouble right from the offset. With the rate proceeding at snail's pace and wickets tumbling at regular interval, the Indians seemed to be on the top. But sketchy associations by different pairs enabled the leaders grab an exciting 73-run verdict and maintain its position at the top with a clean slate.

Khan, for the second time in the season, returned an analysis of seven wickets. But all his hard work was put to a naught by the spineless batting of the Indian batsmen — chasing a modest target of 152 — against the sustained but accurate attack of Shalimar.

Only Khaliq (19) and Mahmood (19) not out steadied the crumbling Indian innings somewhat, with Shalimar's Afaq luring the remnants of the Indian resistance with his tempting leg spin. Afaq returned figures of four for 15

runs, as the Indians were shot out for 79 runs.

The victory boosted Shalimar's tally to ten points, two points better than second-placed Pak Saudi, while the loss left the Indians languishing at the bottom, ahead of cellar team Sikander, after playing six matches in the seven-team league.

While Khan's effort went in vain, it was not so in the case of Pak Saudi's Nasim. Stepping in with his side in a predicament, having lost three early wickets for a modest total against Pak Jeddah, he turned the tide in Pak Saudi's favor with a brilliant innings of 88. Though Nasim was the prime force in Pak Saudi's revival, Zaheer also played a dominant role. The two were mainly responsible for Pak Saudi's total of 215 for six wickets in the allotted overs.

Zaheer's 55 was the lesser share of the 130-run fourth-wicket association. But the association provided the props for Pak Saudi to build the massive total. Nasim hit 11 boundaries in his innings as Sobhai, who had done the early damage, had to rest content with three wickets for 53 runs. Pak Jeddah did take up the challenge, but the loss of wickets

early in the chase put the brakes on their efforts as they finished with 169. The challenge was led by Patel (32) and Abrar (34) — who shared a quick 60 runs partnership — and later by Ishiaq with an unbeaten 43 after the earlier two's exit had caused another slide.

Sikander continued its losing streak in the league. Though it fared better, than in its earlier matches, against JCC its inability to restrict the opposing team led to another downfall. Sikander followed a fluctuating path to its modest total. After a poor start, Jumaid (56) and Ahmed (48) put on 104 for the fourth-wicket and the later batsmen collapsed leaving Sikander on 160. JCC's Aslam (5 for 20) and Waheed (3 for 39) were responsible for the slump.

It looked like that Sikander would open its account after when JCC began its reply with a three-wicket slide. But Sikander lost the grip on the match when it allowed the fourth-wicket stand of 83 between Javid (61) and Afzal (36) to blossom and this enabled JCC to coast through with two wickets to spare. Asif claimed three wickets for 23, while Ahmed finished with three for 43.

Khalid to lead EPCL

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, Feb. 23 — Arabian Eagles' Khalid Khan has been elected to lead the Eastern Province Cricket League's selection for the Inter-Provincial Cricket match against a Riyadh Cricket League selection.

The Eastern Province entertain the visiting Riyadh team on Feb. 25-26 at Sulex Cricket Oval, Al-Khobar in the two innings match. The Inter-Provincial match will be an annual event with the EPCL being entertained by Riyadh next season. A rolling Trophy has been presented by the Saudi British Bank.

The EPCL team:

Khalid Khan (Eagles-Captain), Barry Walker (UPM 1-vice-captain) Ghulam Shahir, Karim Jan, Naeem Siddique (all Eagles), Jamsbed Mir, Salman Shakir (both Fluor Arabia), Shahbaz Bashir, Ejaz Ahmed (both Abahsain GCC), Saquib Ansari (Aramco-Abqaiq), Aftab Ahmed (Karachi Gym.), Muhammad Akhtar (Arabian Gulf), Team Manager: L.N. Supra.

Braga holds Timman

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina, Feb. 23 (AP) — Leader Jan Timman of Holland played to a draw with Argentina's Fernando Braga in Monday's 11th Round of the \$25,000 Magistral IV International Chess Tournament.

The draw, after 31 moves, gave each player half a point and boosted Timman's total to nine, with only two rounds remaining in the tournament, sponsored by the Buenos Aires newspaper *Clarín*.

Mix relies on good luck charm

By Cynthia Shanley

Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Feb. 23 — The popular cartoon character Linus has a blanket for security and basketball pro Steve Mix has a towel. The Philadelphia 76ers' reserve forward always has a special towel in hand during games.

He keeps the towel knotted on one end and kneads it, caresses it and uses it to dab off sweat during games. The towel is somewhat of a good luck charm for Mix, but it can also be used to jinx others, he said.

NBA standings

Eastern Conference					Western Conference				
Atlantic Division					Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	39	14	.736	—	San Antonio	34	18	.654	—
Boston	37	15	.712	1 1/2	Houston	29	24	.547	5 1/2
New Jersey	27	28	.491	13	Denver	28	25	.528	6 1/2
Washington	25	27	.481	13 1/2	Dallas	18	35	.340	16 1/2
New York	24	31	.436	16	Utah	18	35	.340	16 1/2
					Kansas City	18	36	.333	17
Central Division					Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	39	14	.736	—	Los Angeles	37	17	.685	—
Atlanta	32	28	.531	15	Seattle	36	18	.667	1
Detroit	24	30	.444	15 1/2	Golden State	29	23	.558	7
Indiana	24	31	.436	16	Phoenix	28	24	.538	8
Chicago	19	34	.358	20	Portland	28	24	.538	8
Cleveland	12	41	.226	27	San Diego	15	39	.278	22

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TV Programs

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8:20 Quran Song
8:30 Quran Series
8:50 Songs
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9:30 The Night Gharab
9:45 Delegation of Witnesses
9:55 Variety
10:00 English News
10:30 Songs
10:35 Tomorrow's Programs
10:45 Best Sellers
10:55 News
11:00 Quran

DUBAI Channel 33

5:00 Holy Quran
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5:30 Big John Little John
6:00 To Rome With Love
6:30 Please Sir
6:50 Ballroom On Broadway
7:15 Hogan's Heroes
7:40 Local News
7:45 You Asked For It
8:00 Broken's World
8:55 Islamic Horizons
9:05 Documentary
9:10 World News
10:30 Feature Film
12:00 Close-down

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4:00 Quran
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6:00 Educational and Life, Man and Machinery
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Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Conductor
6 Caldwell
6 Playing hard —
11 Sports building
12 Stringent
13 Vocalist
14 Mountain crest
15 Devour
16 My (Fr.)
18 Misdo
19 Meadow mouse
20 Chinese pagoda
21 "Common Sense" author
23 Flash Gordon's nemesis
24 Mackerellike fish

DOWN

40 Edge one's way
41 English river
42 Warhorse
1 Glut
2 Region
3 Landlord's due
4 Black cuckoo (var.)
5 Accord
6 Scottish lord
7 Paddle
8 Salutation
9 Alienate
10 All — (fashionable)
11 All — (fashionable)
12 Most tense
13 Abyss

Yesterdays Answer

17 Viva torero
18 Wine
19 Extinct bird
20 Traffic
21 officer's command
22 Come before nothing
23 Adele of the 34 Be destitute
24 Put on
25 Compensation
26 Perfume
27 Fashion
28 Doing
29 nothing
30 Put on
31 Abyss

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L E A X R
L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

GZJCECU HCUECH ZRH QJTVPUF
GCDD ZKH VJ VCCY JL
KVQCHPJUH — EJDPRUC
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHATEVER PUNISHMENT DOES TO A NATION, IT DOES NOT INDUCE A SENSE OF GUILT. — ANNE O'HARE MC CORMICK
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Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Accentuating the Negative

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ 874
♥ 1083
♦ K 1062
♣ K 82

WEST
♦ K
♥ Q4
♦ 87543
♣ 97643

EAST
♦ A Q J 963
♥ 9
♦ Q J 9
♣ J 10

SOUTH
♦ 1052
♥ A K J 7652
♦ A
♣ A5

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1NT 2♦
4♥

Opening lead — king of spades.

Bridge is a partnership game, and nowhere does this fact assert itself more forcefully than during defensive play. Let's assume you're East and partner leads the king of spades against four hearts.

You overtake the king with the ace to protect against the possibility that the king is a singleton. No harm can come from winning with the ace, regardless of whether South has a singleton, doubleton or tripleton spade.

The overtake turns out to be necessary because, when you play the queen, West shows out, discarding the three of clubs. When you then cash the jack of spades, West discards the three of diamonds and the question is what to play next.

If you are accustomed to obeying partner's signals, there is no problem. West, by discarding a low club and low diamond, has asked you not to play those suits. It would be pointless to shift to a trump, so, by elimination, you lead another spade at trick four, even though this play offers declarer a ruff and discard.

This turns out well when your partner acquires a trump trick he otherwise would not have made. The fourth spade lead would have been equally effective had West held the J-x-x of trumps instead of the Q-x. Either way, your spade continuation is sure to do the job.

It is obvious from West's negative signals in diamonds and clubs that he lacks the ace of either suit. He would surely have signaled with a high card to show an ace, if he had one. By inference, therefore, partner is demanding another spade, and there is no good reason to disobey him.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake
FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1982

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Relations with close ties and competitors are problematic. Someone's jealousy and manipulative ways become factors in a business deal.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Problems on the job could interfere with social plans. A co-worker may be looking out for number one. Safeguard your interests.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
Problems in your love life could interfere with satisfactory work progress. A stubborn child acts up. Try to smooth troubled waters.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) ♋
Relations with in-laws could be strained. A tense family situation may find relatives completely at odds with each other.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 23) ♌
You're not in the mood to compromise, but, if you don't, a relationship at work could get sticky. Problems ahead

VIRGO (Aug. 24 to Sept. 23) ♍
A loved one's selfishness may upset you. Quarrels about money or belongings could become quite serious unless you are careful.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 to Oct. 23) ♎
You may be at odds with yourself, but don't let edginess cut into your efficiency at work. Take steps to guard against over-tiredness.

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Your suspicions are working overtime now and could cause problems with a loved one. Be careful of what you say and avoid romantic entanglements.

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Afternoon Transmission
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2:00 Opening
2:05 Daily Quran
2:06 Program Rev.
2:07 Genes of Guidance
2:10 Light Music
2:15 On Islam
2:25 A Chat & A Song
2:55 Light Music
3:00 The News
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Reflections On Fasting
3:20 Don't Miss This
3:30 Light Music
3:35 Youth Welfare
3:45 Light Music
3:50 Islamic Horizons
3:55 Tomorrow's Programs
4:00 Teyoon
4:10 News
4:15 Amongst Youth

Radio Riyadh

Riyadh 1224 KHz
FM 96 MHz
MW 245.96 MHz
Dammam 134 KHz

Wednesday
14:00 Holy Quran
14:05 Summary
14:07 Islamic Program
14:12 Variety
14:42 The Quiz Game
15:00 News
15:15 Front the Press
15:20 Pop Group
15:30 Women's Program
15:59 Program Summary
16:00 Close down
16:05 Islamic Horizons
16:10 French Program
16:15 Islamic Horizons
16:20 Holy Quran
16:25 Summary
16:30 Camp of the Prophet
16:35 Call the Tune
16:40 The Quiz Game
16:45 News
16:50 Daily Chronicle
16:55 Today's Diary
17:00 Ax Your Service
17:10 World Theater
17:15 John Pop
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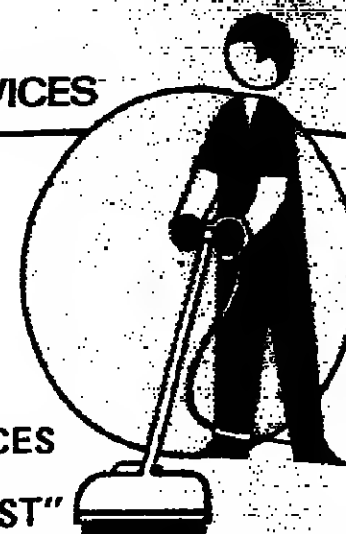
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International

Over Polish issue

EEC to limit imports from Soviet Union

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb. 23 (AP) — The 10 European Economic Community countries agreed in principle Tuesday to limit imports of Soviet goods to pressure for relaxation of martial law in Poland.

The decision was announced by British and Netherlands officials during a recess at a meeting of EEC foreign ministers.

This action was taken as a clear political signal to the Soviet Union, a British official said.

The officials said the foreign ministers, including Lord Carrington of Britain, Hans-Deitrich Genscher of West Germany and Claude Cheysson of France, decided to lower the quotas or raise tariffs currently applicable to manufactured and luxury goods purchased by the 10 countries from the Soviet Union.

No final decisions on goods or amounts were made, but the officials said the most likely action would be to lower the amounts of luxury goods like caviar, diamonds, and furs.

The officials said the EEC's executive commission was ordered to make specific proposals, as soon as possible, outlining the type of goods involved and the precise quotas. They said once the proposals were made, the 10 governments would have to approve them.

In addition, the ministers agreed in principle to appropriate \$8 million European currency units (\$8.2 million) from their joint budget for humanitarian aid to Poland. The aid would be distributed through private relief agencies, not the Polish government, the officials said.

Since martial law was declared in Poland Dec. 13, 1981, EEC countries have come under pressure from the United States to impose sanctions on the Soviet Union.

Tuesday's decision was the first major anti-Soviet trade measure announced by Western European countries and it was in keeping with the EEC's main sanction goal: To limit their sanctions to measures that would hurt the Soviet Union without hurting European countries.

An overwhelming majority of EEC imports from the Soviet Union are energy products, which would not be affected by the restrictions.

In a related development, Japan, accusing the Soviet Union of responsibility for Poland's martial law crackdown and saying the situation "has shown no sign of improvement," formally announced Tuesday a series of new economic sanctions against the governments of the two nations.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Kuchi Miyazawa, official spokesman for the government, spelled out the measures after they were approved by Prime Minister Suzuki's cabinet.

The steps against Poland included indefinite postponement of talks to reschedule outstanding Polish debts due this year, withholding of talks between the two governments regarding new credits, and travel restrictions on Polish Embassy personnel, according to Miyazawa. The travel restrictions have been in effect since last Thursday.

Polish debts to Japanese private businesses scheduled for payment during 1982 amount to \$100 million according to the Foreign Ministry.

Miyazawa also said Japan will postpone meetings of the commission of science and technology organized under the Japan-U.S.S.R. agreement on science and technology cooperation. Trade talks between the Soviet Union and Japan as the Japan-U.S.S.R. annual consultations on trade will not be held "for the time being," Miyazawa said.

Also as part of the sanctions package, the Japanese government rejected enlargement of the Soviet Union's office of trade representative and the establishment of a branch office in Osaka, the second-largest city in western Japan.

Left-wingers hold balance

Irish deadlock remains

DUBLIN, Ireland, Feb. 23 (AP) — Four days after the Irish Republic's general election, neither contender for the prime ministers' job was close to forming a government Monday and a small knot of left-wingers held the political balance.

Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald of the Fine Gael Party and opposition Fianna Fail Party leader Charles Haughey were trying to woo the left-wingers into their camps to put together a workable coalition.

The final count in last Thursday's election gave no party an overall majority in the 166-member Dail, or parliament. Fitzgerald's Fine Gael-Labor coalition government, in power since last June, was brought down when it introduced an austerity budget to cope with Ireland's severe economic problems.

While opinion polls show Fitzgerald's personal popularity high, the election failed to give him the vote of confidence he sought. Fine Gael won 63 seats and Labor 15, a coalition total of 78, down from 80 in the last parliament.

Haughey's Fianna Fail won three extra seats for a total of 81. With 83 seats required for a working majority, the seven remaining members hold the key. Fitzgerald needs just two.

It is possible that neither Fitzgerald nor Haughey could form a minority coalition and Ireland would have a minority government.

Defense lawyers said the article published Tuesday in the Madrid newspaper *Diario 16* on the first anniversary of the abortive coup attempt could prejudice the defense of some defendants.

The newspaper article detailed the assault by civil guards on Spain's Parliament where the paramilitary policemen held the entire 350-member lower house and the government hostage at gunpoint for 18 hours in a bid to establish a military regime.

The newspaper article quoted an unidentified military policeman in an army unit that later joined the 288 civil guards in parliament as saying he was told to shoot anybody in the neck who balked at joining the rebellion.

"When you are threatened with a shot in the neck, you don't take a step backward," the military policeman said in the newspaper article.

He said the order came from Capt. Carlos Alvarez Arenas, for whom the prosecution is asking seven years imprisonment, and while Maj. Ricardo Pardo Zancada, for whom the prosecution asks 15 years imprisonment, was leading the armymen into the parliament.

The prosecution is asking 30 year prison terms for Lt. Gen. Jaime Milans del Bosch, Maj. Gen. Alfonso Armada and civil guard Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero, who led the storming of parliament.

The Times' future not yet secure

MURDOCH FIRES 210 WORKERS

LONDON, Feb. 23 (R) — After sacking 210 workers, Australian press tycoon Rupert Murdoch said Tuesday he was optimistic about saving *The Times*, Britain's oldest and most prestigious daily newspaper. But he said the future of the newspaper was not yet secure because the management still had to reach agreement with the trade unions which are resisting his demand for 600 jobs to be axed to cut losses.

The print unions initially refused to accept the sackings, announced by Murdoch when crisis talks broke down Monday night. *The Times*, traditional journal of the aristocracy and bureaucracy since it was founded in 1785, had been losing more than one million sterling (\$1.9 million) a month since Murdoch bought it a year ago.

Asked about the prospects of keeping *The Times* and its weekend stablemate *The Sunday Times* alive, Murdoch told reporters: "I am very optimistic about the future. But that is not saying the future of both papers is safe."

Murdoch also owns Britain's two-biggest selling papers, the daily tabloid *Sun* and *Sunday News of the World*.

China gives arms to Sihanouk men

PEKING, Feb. 23, (R) — China has in the past few days delivered infantry weapons for 3,000 anti-Vietnamese guerrillas in Kampuchea, former Kampuchean head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk told reporters Tuesday.

At the same time he said there was little chance of an early breakthrough in efforts to form a tripartite coalition between himself, the Marxist Khmer Rouge and the faction headed by former Premier Sen Sann. This was because Sann, who is now in Paris, had probably decided against coming to Peking to join talks with the prince and Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan, the prince said.

Speaking before a lunchtime meeting with Samphan, Prince Sihanouk said the Chinese had supplied automatic rifles, machine guns and bazookas to the jungle where guerrillas of his Moulinaka faction are based. He stressed that they were light weapons and did not include artillery.

He did not say by which route the weapons reached his supporters. The prince, who last year said his forces numbered only a few hundred, said he could increase the present strength of 3,000 if he had more arms, food and medical supplies.

Top Nkomo aides defect as more arms unearthed

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — Two top officials of Joshua Nkomo's minority party quit Tuesday to join Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, while army engineers and security forces found another arms cache on a farm belonging to Nkomo.

The officials who defected from Nkomo's Zimbabwe African People's Union to Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union (Patriotic Front) were the district chairman of Gokwe, west of Salisbury, and Que Que, southeast of the capital.

"The arms caches find and the property accumulation by ZAPU leaders has disgusted me and undermined my organization influence," said Charles Jiji, the Que Que chairman. "Most people in my area have left ZAPU to join Zanu," said Wellington Chikuni of Gokwe.

Meanwhile, a secretary at Nkomo's house said he was busy organizing a planned meeting of the 152-member ZAPU central committee to decide whether the party should remain in the crumbling coalition government or go into opposition.

The meeting was originally slated for Wednesday, but ZAPU officials said Tuesday it might be postponed because all members could not be gathered in time. The officials did not know whether it would be held in Bulawayo or Salisbury.

Nkomo and three ministers were ousted from the cabinet by Mugabe last Wednesday. The prime minister claimed that caches of arms found on ZAPU properties were intended to back a coup against him. Nkomo has denied the charge, claiming instead that Mugabe simply wanted to rid him from the cabinet and dissolve the coalition.

Security forces meanwhile said the latest arms cache on Nkomo's farm comprised six automatic rifles, three pistols, an anti-tank gun, six mortar bombs and a mortar tube. Senior military officers have described earlier

discoveries at the farm as sufficient to equip a 5,000-strong army.

The dismissals of the ZAPU ministers effectively ended a coalition of national unity which had ruled Zimbabwe since independence in April, 1980, and led to fears of an angry reaction from the minority Ndebele people of southwestern Zimbabwe, from whom ZAPU draws solid support.

Meanwhile, Nkomo said in Bulawayo Monday that he had told his followers not to retaliate but said a spark could ignite fighting if cool heads did not prevail. "Danger still lies in the military camps," he told Reuters in an interview. "These young people are getting polarized."

Zimbabwe's Army is composed mainly of former ZIPRA guerrillas sponsored during the Rhodesian independence war by Nkomo's ZAPU Party and ex-ZANLA men of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's ZANU-PF. Ex-ZIPRA fighters are outnumbered about 60-40 in the ranks by former ZANLA men but the officer corps is believed to be about equally divided.

In the interview at his Bulawayo home, Nkomo, 64, said he had sent word to his supporters: "Please remain cool." Referring to the post-war military integration program embracing former ZIPRA, ZANLA and Rhodesian forces, he said: "Physically they are all together (in the army) but it is not all over yet."

Italians trace Dozier effects

MILAN, Italy, Feb. 23 (AP) — Police found personal belongings of U.S. Army Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier in an apartment used by the Red Brigades as a hideout during his abduction, authorities reported Tuesday. Police said the leftist gang may have used the two-room apartment as an office to print their communiqués during Dozier's six-week captivity.

The hideout was discovered several days ago but the news was kept secret in the hope that someone would drop by, police sources said. In the apartment, near the San Vittore Prison in downtown Milan, police found Red Brigades leaflets claiming the abduction of the general as well as duplicating machine.

Police said the hideout was probably abandoned by the terrorists soon after police rescued Dozier from a Red Brigades "people's prison" in Padua on Jan. 21. Police gave no information on the belongings of Dozier found in the apartment.

A magistrate issued warrants for the arrest of four persons believed to have frequented the apartment. They were identified as long sought Red Brigades leaders Barbara Balzani and Francesco Lo Bianco and Giovanna Esposito and Pietro Vanni, lesser known terrorist suspects. All are at large. They were charged with subversive activities.

Poland's crisis blamed on party

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — Polish Deputy Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski was quoted Tuesday as saying that Poland's Communist Party, not the trade union Solidarity, was to blame for the country's crisis.

In a lengthy interview with Italian journalist Oriana Fallaci published in *The Times*, of London, Rakowski said the Polish Communist Party had disintegrated. "Who could deny that it (the party) went bankrupt, intellectually and politically, that it was unable to organize the society, to get the country out of disaster, even to defend the state? In the end you are right: We are the ones to be blamed, not Solidarity," he said.

In Warsaw, the Polish Unified Workers (Communist) Party central committee meets Wednesday for what could be a showdown between hard liners and moderates with Solidarity union leader Lech Walesa under fire from the official press for heading "an anti-Communist crusade."

In a commentary published Monday, the Polish PAP news agency for the first time lashed out at Walesa, accusing him of "serving as a front for an anti-Communist crusade."

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